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TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Gloria Creamer, 1998-2001

JoAnn Brown, 1996-1999

Lester Huckins, 1997-2000

Ellen J. White - Administrative Assistant

TOWN CLERK

Nancy Goedker - 1998-2001

TOWNTREASURER

Bertha Huckins, 1998-2001

TAX COLLECTOR

Judith Dupre (appointed)

MODERATOR

Russell C. Shillaber, 1998-2001

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Carolyn F. Young, 1994-2000

Marilyn Roderick, 1996-2002

Sandra K. Schwab, 1998-2004

LIBRARIAN

Kathryn Steward

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Carol McCarty, 1996-1999

Carol Wood - 1998-2001

Barbara Feldman, 1997-2000 (Chairman)

ROAD AGENT

Gregg Messenger, 1998-1999

BUILDING INSPECTOR/HEALTH OFFICER

Stephen Smith

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

(Emergency Management)

Scott Whitehouse

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Roger Leighton, 1997-2000

Boyen C. Thompson, 1996-1999

Justine Leighton, 1998-2001

FIRE WARDEN

Glenn Pierce

DEPUTIES

Tom Stano

Scott Whitehouse

John MacDougall

Eric Gale

Mike Richard

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Scott Young - Chief of Police

Suzanne Zielfelder - Secretary

Robert Tibetts

Donald J. Laliberte

Tom K. Bibeau

Corey Landry

Mike Richard

Eric Gale

Gerald Waldron

PLANNING BOARD

Edgar W. Huckins, Chairman, 1997-2000

Jack Creamer, 1996-1999

David Dupee, 1998-2001

Don Rhodes, 1996-1999

Lester Huckins, 1997-2000

ALTERNATES

Charles Moreno

Roger Leighton

James F. Kerivan

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

James T. McCarty, Chairman, 1997-2000

William G. Lord, 1998-2001

Arthur VanBuskirk, 1997-2000

Stephen Leighton, 1998-2001

Herman Groth, 1997-2000

ALTERNATES

Herbert Scribner

Nathan Lake

Anthony D.K. Fallon

Roger Turmelle

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

James B. Cullen, 1997-2000

Elizabeth Evans, 1998-2001

Bruce Smith, 1998-2001

Harmony Anderson, 1996-1999

Calvin Schroeder, 1997-2000

Sarah M. Ward, 1998-1999

JoAnn Brown, 1996-1999

RECREATION COMMISSION

Carol Heald

Richard Omand

RURAL DISTRICT VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Telephone 755-2202

FIRE AND RESCUE

Loren Pierce - Chief of Department
Scott Whitehouse - Deputy Chief
Skip Vogt - Secretary

BOW LAKE STATION

Mike Richard - Captain

CENTER STATION

Glenn Pierce - Captain

Doug Hayes - Lieutenant

CROWN POINT STATION

Tom Stano - Captain

DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

Terry Bickford
Terry Bickford, Jr.
Elaine Gosselin
Paul Yergeau
Josh Jenisch
Stephen Austin
Ed Lyons

Eugene Burrows
Corinne Allaire
Eric Gale Jr.
Robyn Jenisch
Eric Stone
Dan Duffy
Paul Stover

Richard Jenisch
Nancy Penney
Brett Lavoie
Rene Lavoie
Andrew Helm
Erica Helm
Skip Vogt

**TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Strafford Elementary School in said Strafford on Tuesday, the ninth (9th) day of March, next, at 8:00 a.m. to act upon the following subjects:

***1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. "Are you in favor of the adoption of the following Amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances as proposed by the Planning Board.

To amend Section 1.4.1 A of the Town's Zoning and Land Use Ordinance: "Land Requirements - Frontage" to read: "Every building lot shall have a minimum frontage of two hundred (200) feet provided that, where lots are located on the exterior of a curving street, a shorter front dimension shall be permitted provided that the average width of the lot measured across its center shall be at least 200 feet."

3. "Are you in favor of the adoption of the following Amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances as proposed by the Planning Board.

To amend Section 1.4.1 D of the Town's Zoning and Land Use Ordinance: "Land requirements - Minimum Land Area" to read: "A lot shall contain not less than 2 acres of land which is suitable for development (87,120 square feet) with an additional 20,000 square feet of land which is suitable for development for each additional family unit under a common roof, except as set forth in parts (1) and (2) of the subsection."

***NOTE: ALL ARTICLES EXCEPT NO. 1, 2 AND 3 WILL BE TAKEN UP AT 8:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1999 AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred fifty-four thousand dollars (\$154,000.) for capital improvements to the following roads:

a. First Crown Point Road - Appx. .75 mile from the end of the existing pavement in a Northerly direction (widening, drainage work, gravel and paving.)

b. Province Road West - Appx. .75 mile from the end of the existing pavement in a Westerly direction (widening, drainage work, gravel and paving).

c. Paving of the Little River Road from intersection of Leighton Corner Road Appx. .3 mile to the intersection of the Stacy Road.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of establishing a storage facility for material used in the care and maintenance of Town roads and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend the funds in this fund.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-three thousand three hundred and twenty dollars (\$43,320.) for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the future repair and/or replacement of fire and rescue vehicles and/or equipment.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500.) to purchase new radios and pagers for the Strafford Fire and Rescue Squad.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.) for the purchase of new turn-out gear (coats, pants, helmets, boots) for the Strafford Fire and Rescue Squad.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400.) for the purpose of removing a 500 gallon heating oil tank located at the Center station.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

11. To see if the Town will vote to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend the funds from the Expendable Trust Fund established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a at the March 1998 Town Meeting for the purpose of covering the associated costs of forest fire suppression (50% of funds expended to be reimbursed by the State of NH).

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred thirty-five thousand three hundred sixty-three dollars (\$135,363.) for the operation and maintenance of the Police Department.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

13. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35 for the future purchase of a Police Vehicle and raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.) to be placed in this fund.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.) to be used to defray any legal costs, and/or survey costs incurred in connection with Town boundary lines. This is to be a nonlapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2003.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500.) to be used for the purchase of a vote counting machine and associated costs.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six hundred fifty-four thousand eight hundred eighty-one dollars (\$654,881.) for general Town operations.

Executive	\$39,805.
Election & Registration	9,800.
Financial Administration	36,775.
Revaluation of Property & Tax Maps	8,500.
Legal Expenses	10,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.	43,000.
Planning and Zoning	4,500.
General Government Building	12,595.

Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees	\$18,500.
Insurance	22,000.
Advertising and Regional Association	1,819.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues	2,181.
Contingency Fund	3,000.
Annual CPA Audit	5,500.
Ambulance	1,000.
Emergency Management	750.
Building Inspection	8,000.
General Highway Expenses & Town Maintenance	232,500.
Street Lighting	2,700.
Solid Waste Disposal	124,000.
Animal Control	2,500.
Health Inspector	400.
Rural District Visiting Nurse	4,076.
General Assistance and Welfare	11,000.
Community Action	1,000.
Sexual Assault Support Service	992.
My Friend's Place	200.
Parks and Recreation	17,275.
Library	26,063.
Patriotic Purposes and Fire Works	1,500.
Water Test - Bow Lake	200.
Conservation Commission	750.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>2,000.</u>
TOTAL	\$654,881.

[The intent of this article is to raise the sum of Six hundred fifty-four thousand eight hundred eighty-one dollars (\$654,881.), exclusive of all other Articles addressed.]

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

17. "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000. to be used for renovations at the Hill Library for the purpose of making the restroom handicapped accessible and also fixing the heating system and roof. Any remaining expenses will be borne by the Strafford Library Association." (by Petition.)

The Selectmen recommend this article.

18. "To see if the Town will vote to establish a conservation fund as authorized by RSA 36 A:5 and to raise and appropriate the gross sum of \$10,000, said fund to be used for acquisition in the name of the Town of the fee or lesser interest in conservation lands and other costs associated therewith for permanent conservation use and further to authorize the selectmen to accept private donations of land, interest in land or money for said purposes. Said appropriated funds may be expended by a majority

vote of the Conservation Commission.” (by Petition)

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

19. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to study the costs and feasibility of having a safety complex to house the Town Offices, Police Department and Fire/Rescue Department in one building. The Committee is to be comprised of two representatives from the Selectmen’s Office, two representatives from the Police Department, two representatives from the Fire Department and three Town residents (one from each section of Town). This committee will report their findings at the 2000 Town Meeting.

20. To see if the Town will vote to designate the following recently acquired conservation land now owned by the Town of Strafford as Town Forest pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 31:110 in order to add this property to the Town Forest system: Parker Mountain Beaver Pond Property, 70+/- acres (Tax Map 6, Lot 9).

The Selectmen recommend this article.

21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize prepayment of property taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments as provided by RSA 80:52-a.

22. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 8th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Gloria Creamer
JoAnn Brown
Lester Huckins
Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:
Gloria Creamer
JoAnn Brown
Lester Huckins

REPORT FROM THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Another year has passed and we have made some changes in the Town Office. The two evening hours of the Tax Collector and Town Clerk continue to be well received. In addition, the added convenience of offering renewal decals and license plates locally, has made the office much more efficient.

We now have a "fax machine" which is a great addition. That and the installation of the new emergency buzzer system, as well as updated computer equipment, has helped to put our office equipment more in line with that of other town offices. Hopefully these changes will make the transition into the year 2000 an easier one.

The possibility of having the Recycling Center open for one evening a week is being investigated. It would mean the installation of additional lighting and other considerations before it would be put into practice.

We are currently working with the Postal Service to provide one central Post Office for the Town. Our goal is to have something done in the near future, so this can coincide with the numbering for the E-911 system.

To those of you who serve on our Boards, Committees, Commissions and the Fire and Rescue Squad, a heartfelt thank you.

Respectfully,
Lester E. Huckins, Chairman
Gloria G. Creamer, Selectman
JoAnn Brown, Selectman

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N.H.

Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3,V)	War. Art.	Appropriations Prior Year as appv. by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (recomm.)
4130-39 Executive	16	38,225	38,203	39,805
4140-49 Elect. Reg. & Vital Stat.				
Auto Permits & Town Clerk Fees**	16	15,300	14,937	28,300
4150-51 Fin. Ad. CPA Audit	16	38,000	36,097	42,275
4152 Reval. of Property & Tax Maps	16	7,700	7,356	8,500
4153 Legal Expense	16	7,000	7,270	10,000
4155-59 FICA, Medi, Unemp. Comp	16	38,000	37,377	43,000
4191-93 Planning & Zoning	16	4,000	3,941	4,500
4194 Gen. Gov. Bldg.	16	21,600	20,763	12,595
4196 Insurance	16	22,000	17,699	22,000
4197 Adver. & Reg. Assoc & SRPC	16	3,981	3,964	4,000
4199 Contingency	16	2,000	1,165	3,000
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210-14 Police	12	123,818	122,969	135,363
4215-19 Ambulance	16	1,000	0	1,000
4220-29 Fire & Rescue	6	38,800	39,191	43,320
4240-49 Building Inspection	16	7,000	6,286	8,000
4290-98 Emergency Mgt.	16	750	0	750
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
4311 Gen. Hwy. & Twn. Mnt.	16	232,000	228,791	232,500
4316 Street Lighting	16	2,700	2,435	2,700
SANITATION				
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	16	116,000	123,667	124,000
ELECTRIC				
4359 Elec. Aggreg. Resrch.		3,228	0	0
HEALTH				
4411 Health Officer	16	300	233	400
4414 Animal Control	16	2,500	1,770	2,500
4415-19 Rural Distr. Vst. Nurse	16	4,842	4,842	4,076
WELFARE				
4441-42 Admin. & Dir. Asst.	16	11,000	3,675	11,000
4445-49 Comm. Actn., My Friends Pl. & Sexual Asstt. Support	16	2,192	2,192	2,192
CULTURE & RECREATION				
4520-29 Parks & Recreation	16	17,275	14,365	17,275
4550-59 Library	16	24,588	24,212	26,063
4583 Patriotic Purposes	16	1,100	1,100	1,500
4589 Water Test - Bow Lake	16	200	200	200
CONSERVATION				
4611-12 Cons. Comm	16	750	750	750
DEBT SERVICE				
4723 Int. on TANs	16	2,000	-0-	2,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
4916 Forest Fire Suppress.		3,000	3,000	0
SUBTOTAL 1		<u>792,849</u>	<u>768,450</u>	<u>833,564</u>

**This appropriation to be partially offset by revenue from Other Licenses, Permits & Fees

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Art.	Appropriations Prior Year as Appv. by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Yr. (Recom.)
4153 Non-Laps.Legal/Survey	14	5,000	5,000	5,000
4915 CRF-Rd.Mnt.Strge.Fac.	5	5,000	5,000	5,000
4915 CRF-F/R Veh/Eqp Ret/Rpl	7	20,000	20,000	25,000
4915 CRF-Ren/Repl Cr.Pt Sta		5,000	5,000	0
4915 CRF-Police Vehicle	13	0	0	12,000
4915 Library Renov. (Pet.)	17	0	0	25,000
**4916 Conservation Fund (Pet.)	18	0	0	(10,000)
SUBTOTAL 2				72,000
** not recommended				

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

4901 Road Improvements	4	154,000	154,000	154,000
4901 E-911 Reflector Plates		2,250	2,250	0
4902 Police Vehicle		21,054	20,938	0
4902 Turn Out Gear	9	3,000	3,000	4,500
4902 Radios & Pagers	8	0	0	27,500
4909 Tank Remov. Ctr. Stat.	10	0	0	1,400
4902 Vote Counting Machine	15	0	0	6,500
SUBTOTAL 3				193,900

SOURCE OF REVENUE	Est. Rev. Prior Yr.	Actual Rev. Prior Yr.	Est. Revenue Ensuing Yr.
TAXES			
3120 Land Use Change Taxes	65,510	57,877	15,000
3185 Timber Taxes	23,000	35,156	23,000
3190 Int. & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	50,000	57,596	55,000
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
3220 M/V Permit Fees	325,000	353,706	340,000
3230 Building Permits	7,000	9,565	8,500
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees**	7,000	7,578	18,500
3311-19 COPS FAST	19,296	19,296	0
FROM STATE			
3351 Shared Revenue	16,492	34,083	34,083
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	48,444	82,527	48,444
3353 Highway Block Grant	82,292	82,292	80,694
3359 Radar/Hwy Enf. Grants	2,939	834	2,533
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
3401-06 Income from Departments	6,000	8,035	7,000
3409 Planning Bd/Bd of Adj.	4,000	5,025	5,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
3502 Interest on Investments	40,000	48,644	45,000
3503-09 Ins. Adj/Refunds/Reimb/Fines	14,927	20,753	0
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
3915 From Capital Reserve Funds	19,759	20,684	0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Fund Bal. ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes	<u>130,000</u>	<u>130,000</u>	<u>130,000</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS	861,659	973,651	812,754

**This revenue to be used to partially offset appropriation for Auto Perm., Town Clerk Fees, Elec., Regis. & Vital Statics.

BUDGET SUMMARY

SUBTOTAL 1 APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED	833,564
SUBTOTAL 2 SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES RECOMMENDED	72,000
SUBTOTAL 3 "INDIVIDUAL" WARRANT ARTICLES RECOMMENDED	193,900
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED	1,099,464
LESS: AMOUNT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES & CREDITS	812,754
ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED	286,710

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year January 1, 199 to December 31, 1998

REVENUES

Property Taxes	5,124,509	
Land Use Change Taxes	76,480	
Timber Taxes	35,505	
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	<u>75,433</u>	
TOTAL		5,311,927

LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	353,706	
Building Permits	9,565	
Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	<u>7,578</u>	
TOTAL		370,849

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

COPS FAST	<u>19,296</u>	
TOTAL		19,296

REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Shared Revenue Block Grant	34,083	
Meals and rooms distribution	82,527	
Highway block grant	82,292	
Reimbursements - Forest Fire Training, Highway Enforcement	<u>874</u>	
TOTAL		199,776

REVENUE FROM CHARGES FOR SERVICES

Income from Departments	9,379	
Garbage-refuse Charges	<u>3,681</u>	
TOTAL		13,060

REVENUE FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES

Interest on investments	48,644	
Fines and forfeits	1,611	
Insurance dividends and reimbursements	5,424	
Other miscellaneous sources	<u>13,718</u>	
TOTAL		69,397

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

Transfers from Capital Reserve Fund (net)	<u>20,684</u>	
TOTAL		20,684

TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES		<u>6,004,989</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		<u>327,455</u>
GRAND TOTAL		6,332,444

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	38,203	
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics, & Auto Permits	14,937	
Financial Administration & CPA Audit	36,097	
Revaluation of Property & Tax maps	7,356	
Legal Expense	12,270	
Personnel Administration, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.	37,377	
Planning and zoning	3,941	
General Government Building	20,763	
Insurance not otherwise allocated	17,699	
Advertising and Regional Association & SRPC	3,964	
Contingency	<u>1,165</u>	
TOTAL		193,772

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	122,969	
Ambulance	0	
Fire & Rescue	39,191	
Building Inspection	6,286	
Emergency Management	<u>0</u>	
TOTAL		168,446

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

Administration Gen. Hwy. & Twn Mnt.	228,791	
Street Lighting	<u>2,435</u>	
TOTAL		231,226

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal	<u>123,677</u>	
TOTAL		123,677

HEALTH

Administration Health Insp.	233	
Pest control - Animal Control	1,770	
Rural Distr. Visiting Nurses	<u>4,842</u>	
TOTAL		6,845

WELFARE

Direct Assistance	3,675	
Community Action, My Friend's Place, Sexual Assault Support Services	<u>2,192</u>	
TOTAL		5,867

CULTURE AND RECREATION		
Parks and Recreation	14,365	
Library	24,212	
Patriotic Purposes	1,100	
Water Test - Bow Lake	<u>200</u>	
TOTAL		39,877
CONSERVATION		
Administration - Conservation Comm.	<u>750</u>	
TOTAL		750
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Land & Improvements - Art. 5 (98)	154,000	
Machinery, Vehicles & Equip. Art 10 (98), Art 15 (98)	<u>23,938</u>	
TOTAL		177,938
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		
Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds	30,000	
Transfers to Expnd. Trust - Forest Fire Suppr.	<u>3,000</u>	
TOTAL		33,000
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
Taxes assessed for county	427,956	
Taxes assessed for school districts	4,592,950	
Payments to other governments	<u>1,621</u>	
TOTAL		<u>5,022,527</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		6,003,915
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		<u>328,443</u>
GRAND TOTAL		6,332,358

DETAILED EXPLANATION

4901 Art. 5 (98) Capitol Improvements to Roads	154,000
4902 Art. 15 (98) Police Vehicle	20,938
4902 Art. 10 (98) Turn Out Gear	3,000
4915 Art. 6 (98) CRF - Road Mnt. Storage Fac.	5,000
4915 Art. 9 (98) CRF - Repl/Refurb F/R Veh/Equip	20,000
4915 Art. 11 (98) CRF Renov/Repl Cr Pt Fire Station ...	5,000
4939 Animal Pop. Control Fees	506
4939 Dog Licenses	262
4939 Marriage License Fees	760
4939 Vital Statistics	93

ASSETS	Beg. of Yr.	End of Yr.
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Equivalents	169,237	191,120
Investments	1,595,000	1,735,000
Taxes Receivable	491,477	475,211
Tax Liens Receivable	180,616	225,748
CRF Transf. in Process	<u>0</u>	<u>7,379</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	2,436,330	2,631,458
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Warrants and Accounts Payable	3,064	5,832
Due to School District	2,105,281	2,292,183
Yr. End Trnsf. to CRF in Process	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,108,875	2,303,015
FUND EQUITY		
Reserve for encumbrances	5,500	5,500
Reserve for continuing appropriations	7,643	4,893
Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>314,312</u>	<u>318,050</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	327,455	328,443
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	2,436,330	2,631,458
FIXED ASSET GROUP OF ACCOUNTS		
Land and Improvements	729,000	731,800
Buildings	1,718,100	1,718,100
Machinery, vehicles and equipment	683,888	697,651
Tax Deeded Property	0	93,000
TOTAL	3,130,988	3,240,551
RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY		
School district liability at beginning of year		2,105,810.62
ADD: School district assessment for current year		<u>4,592,950.60</u>
TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR		6,698,761.22
SUBTRACT: Payments made to school district		<u>-4,406,578.28</u>
School District liability at end of year		2,292,182.94
DETAILED EXPLANATION		
2020 Govt. Building	1998	Warr. 18
2020 Legal Services	1998	Warr. 18
2020 Solid Waste Mgmt.	1998	Warr. 18
2020 Police Dept.	1998	Warr. 14
2020 Fire & Rescue	1998	Warr. 8
2080 Yr. End Trnsf. to CRF in Process	1998	Warr. 6
2440 1998 Audit	1998	Warr. 14
2450 911 Reflector Plates	1998	Warr. 13
2450 Non-Lapsing Legal/Survey Costs	1997	Warr. 1

ALL FUNDS (ADDITIONAL)	
REVENUE	
Parks and Recreation	1,806
EXPENDITURE	
Vital Statistics	1,621
INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES	
Schools	4,406,578
All other - county	427,956
SALARIES AND WAGES	190,665.24
All Other Funds except Employee Retirement Funds	1,926,119.80

Lester E. Huckins, Chairman
Gloria G. Creamer
JoAnn Brown

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR TAXES ASSESSED
FOR THE YEAR 1998**

Purposes of Appropriations	For Use by Town
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Executive	38,225
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics, Auto Permit	15,300
Financial Administration, CPA Audit	38,000
Revaluation of Property, Tax Maps	7,700
Legal Expense & Non Lapsing Lgl.	12,000
Personal Administration, FICA, MEDI, Unemp. Comp	38,000
Planning & Zoning	4,000
General Government Buildings	21,600
Insurance	22,000
Advertising & Regional Assoc., SRPC	3,981
Other General Government Contingency	2,000
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police	123,818
Ambulance	1,000
Fire & Rescue	38,800
Building Inspection	7,000
Emergency Management	750
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	
Administration, Gen. Hwy. & Town Maintenance	232,000
Street Lighting	2,700
SANITATION	
Solid Waste Disposal	116,000
ELECTRIC	
Electric Aggreg. Research	3,228
HEALTH	
Administration Health Insp.	300
Pest Control - Animal Control	2,500
Rural District Visiting Nurse	4,842
WELFARE	
Administration & Direct Assistance	11,000
Community Action, My Friend's Place, Sexual Assault Support	2,192
CULTURE & RECREATION	
Parks & Recreation	17,275
Library	24,588
Patriotic Purposes	1,100
Water Test - Bow Lake	200
CONSERVATION	
Conservation Commission	750

Purposes of Appropriations	For Use by Town
DEBT SERVICE	
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Land & Improvements	156,250
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	24,054
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	
To Capital Reserve Fund	30,000
To Expendable Trust Funds	3,000
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TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	1,008,153

	For Use by Town
REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES	
TAXES	
Land Use Change Taxes	65,510
Timber Tax	23,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	50,000
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	325,000
Building Permits	7,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	7,000
COPS FAST	19,296
FROM STATE	
Shared Revenues	16,492
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	48,444
Highway Block Grant	82,292
Radar Equipment Reimb./Hwy/ Enf.Gant	2,939
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	
Income from Departments	6,000
Planning Board/Board of Adjustment	4,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	
Interest on Investments	40,000
Ins. Adj./Refunds/Reimb/Fines	14,927
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	
From Capital Reserve Funds	19,759**
SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES	731,659

GENERAL FUND BALANCE		
Unreserved Fund Balance	314,312	
Fund Balance - Reduce Taxes	130,000	
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS		<u>861,659</u>

** This revenue partially offsets Article 15.

REQUESTED OVERLAY \$30,000

TOWN/CITY OF: STRAFFORD

Appropriations	1,008,153
Less: Revenues	861,659
Less: Shared Revenues	12,195
Add: Overlay	30,115
War Service Credits	<u>11,500</u>
Net Town Appropriation	175,914
Approved Town/City Tax Effort	175,914
Municipal Tax Rate	1.05

SCHOOL PORTION

Due to Local School	4,592,951
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>34,312</u>
Net School Appropriation	4,558,639
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	4,558,639
School(s) Tax Rate	27.17

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	427,956
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>5,167</u>
Net County Appropriation	422,789
Approved County Tax Effort	422,789
County Tax Rate	<u>2.52</u>
County Tax Rate	30.74
Combined Tax Rate	
Total Property Taxes Assessed	5,157,342
Less: War Service Credits	<u>(11,500)</u>
Total Property Tax Commitment(s)	<u><u>5,145,842</u></u>

PROOF OF RATE		
Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
167,773,000	30.74	5,157,342

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION 1998

Item	Acres	1998 Assessed Valuation
Value of Land Only	21,215.75	908,100
Residential	16,860.47	64,748,900
Commercial/Industrial	5.65	71,300
Total of Taxable Land	38,081.87	<u>65,728,300</u>
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$1,956,200)	1,927.63	
Value of Buildings Only		98,566,600
Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		302,400
Commercial/Industrial		270,800
Total of Taxable Buildings		<u>99,139,800</u>
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$3,982,800)		
Public Water Utility		9,300
Public Utilities - Electric		3,225,600
Valuation Before Exemptions		<u>168,103,000</u>
Elderly Exemption		330,000
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed		167,773,000

TAX CREDITS

	Limits	Number of Individuals	Estimated Tax Credit
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty	700	4	2,800
Other War Service Credits 168 (50.) 3 (100.)		<u>171</u>	<u>8,700</u>
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		175	11,500

ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT

Number of Applicants with INITIAL APPLICATION for Elderly Exemption for Current Year			Total Numer of Individuals GRANTED an Elderly Exemption for the current Year			
Age	#	Amount	Age	#	Amount	Total
65-74			65-74	5	15,000	75,000
75-79			75-79	3	20,000	55,000
80+	1	25,000	80+	8	25,000	<u>200,000</u>
			TOTAL	17		330,000

UTILITY SUMMARY: ELECTRIC COMPANY

Name of Company: PSNH 3,225,600

CURRENT USE REPORT - RSA 79-A

Farm Land	610.81	Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	4,165.92
Forest Land	19,589.61	Removed from current use during current year	45.47
Unproductive Land		# of owners granted current use	298
Wet Land	<u>1,015.33</u>	# of Parcels in current use	538
TOTAL	21,215.75		

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT for the Fiscal year Ending December 31, 1998

RECEIPTS:

1998 Motor Vehicle Permits - 4,251 Permits Issued	353,706.00
1998 Dog Licenses - 641 Licenses	4,266.00
1998 Marriage Licenses - 18 Licenses Issued	684.00
1998 Filing Fees - 7 Filings Accepted	7.00
1998 Returned Check Fees - 20 Checks Returned	400.00
1998 Dog Control Fines - 232 Dog Penalties	436.00
20 Dog Fines	675.00
1998 Vital Statistic Copies	
11 Copies @ \$6.00 each	66.00
7 Copies @ \$3.00 each	<u>21.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES ACCEPTED	\$360,261.00

REMITTANCE TO TREASURER:

4,251 Motor Vehicle Permits	\$353,706.00
641 Dog Licenses	4,266.00
18 Marriage	684.00
7 Filings	7.00
20 Returned Checks	400.00
20 Dog Fines	675.00
232 Dog Penalties	436.00
18 Vital Statistic Copies	<u>87.00</u>
TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER	\$360,261.00

TOWN OFFICERS'S SALARIES

Lester Huckins	\$2,100.00
Gloria Creamer	2,100.00
JoAnn Brown	2,100.00
Bertha Huckins	2,100.00
Nancy Goedker	1,700.04
Judith Dupre	9,999.96
M. Justine Leighton	175.00
C. Russell Shillaber	75.00

TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

Administrative Assistant	31,827.60
Deputy Tax Collector	249.69
Deputy Town Clerk	487.94
Clerical	3,041.99
Office Supplies	1,533.45
Postage	3,540.70
Printing	3,887.76
Conferences/Training	3,397.09
Reference Materials	476.16
Equipment/Maintenance	515.80
Boat Agent's Fees	128.00
Deed Research/Tax Lien	660.00
Recording Fees	596.00
Sponsor March Calendar	50.00
Auto Permit Fees	6,376.50
Cleaning and Supplies	595.00

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1998

RECEIPTS

Balance January 1, 1998	\$1,764,236.74	
Receipts	<u>\$6,181,383.59</u>	
Total Receipts		7,945,620.33

EXPENDITURES

Expenditures 1998	\$6,019,500.53	
Balance Check Book, Dec. 31, 1998	191,119.80	
Balance Investment Account	<u>1,735,000.00</u>	
.....		\$7,945,620.33

N.H. Deposit Investment Pool.....	1,735,000.00
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Fleet Bank

Con. Com. Acct. #041-007263-1	
Balance December 31, 1997	3,228.88
Deposit	375.00
Interest Earned 1998	<u>78.87</u>
	\$3,682.75

Fleet Bank

Con. Com. Neil Moores Memorial	
Account #091-003656-5	
Balance December 31, 1997	1,442.36
Interest Earned 1998	<u>34.89</u>
	\$1,477.25

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Strafford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Strafford as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Strafford management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group and Long Term Debt Account Group (Landfill Closure and Post Closure Care Costs), which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group and Long Term Debt Account Group (Landfill Closure and Post Closure Care Costs) are not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general-purpose financial statements of the omissions described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Strafford as of December 31, 1997, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Strafford. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C., CPA'S
Laconia, New Hampshire
March 4, 1998

TOWN MEETING - MARCH 10, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 1998 at the Strafford Elementary School in the Town of Strafford, by Moderator Russell Shillaber to act on Articles one through four of the 1998 Town Warrant by ballot vote.

The ballots were cast and the meeting recessed at 7 p.m. for the purpose of tallying the votes. The meeting was brought to order again at 8 p.m. by the moderator.

At this point he announced that the meeting would be conducted according to "the Modified Roberts Rules of Order" and all articles of the warrant would be considered as motions before the meeting and should require no second. The Moderator asked all unregistered voters to declare themselves by a show of hands. He asked that all questions and comments be directed to the chair and that proponents of each article be allowed to address the article before discussion begins.

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Voters on the checklist	2,271
Votes cast	727
Selectman - Three years	
Gloria Creamer	433
Rodney Williams.....	219
Town Clerk - Three years	
Nancy Goedker.....	636
Town Treasurer - Three years	
Bertha Huckins.....	605
Moderator - Two years	
Russell Shillaber.....	613
Road Agent - One year	
Greg Messenger.....	640
Supervisor of the Checklist - Six years	
Sandra Schwab.....	634
Library Trustee - Three years	
Carol Wood	17
Trustee of the Trust Funds - Three years	
Justine Leighton	7

Article 2: "Are you in favor of the adoption of the following Amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Land Use Ordinances as proposed in the petition as follows:

To amend Section 1.3 General Provisions by adding the following section in its entirety.

"In order to protect the public health, wildlife, and surfactant and subsurface groundwater to the Town of Strafford:

1) The stockpiling and landspreading of Class B sewage sludge containing disease causing pathogens (i.e. hepatitis and meningitis), heavy metals, parasites, and hazardous organic chemicals, and the stockpiling and landspreading of industrial papermill sludge containing cyanide, dioxins, furans, and other toxic substances, shall not be permitted in the Town of Strafford, New Hampshire.

2) The landspreading of septage originating in the Town of Strafford and the landspreading of Class A sludge is allowed outside any watershed as defined by the Water Supply and Pollution Control Division, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, so long as the following conditions are met.

- a) 250 foot setbacks from all waterbodies and all wetland areas;
- b) 500 foot setbacks from all waterwell sources;
- c) a land grade not to exceed 8 degrees.

3) the reclamation of any gravel pit area shall be limited to clean, sludge-free topsoil.

4) nothing in this ordinance prohibits the use of bagged Class A sludge or Class A compost materials on residential gardens" (by Petition)

The Planning Board does NOT approve this article.

Ballot Vote.....YES - 460 NO - 252

Article 3: "Are you in favor of the adoption of revisions to Article 4.4 Floodplain Development Regulations in the Building Regulations as proposed by the Planning Board.

Revision of these regulations is required for continued eligibility and approval in the National Flood Insurance Program. These amendments would add the statutory reference for the regulations, update the map dates, amend our Regulation to conform to our current maps showing only unnumbered "A" zones in Strafford, amend and/or add several definitions to conform to current NFIP requirements, and add a new Section 4.4.9 Variances and Appeals to clarify the procedure for obtaining a variance to any decision or determination regarding Floodplain Regulations."

The Planning Board does approve of this article.

Ballot Vote.....YES - 555 NO - 106

Article 4: "Shall we adopt an exemption for the disabled? The exemption, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be \$15,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than 15,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$25,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence." (by Petition)

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Ballot Vote.....YES - 456 NO - 101

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred fifty-four thousand dollars (\$154,000.) for capital improvements to the following roads:

a) Second Crown Point Road - Appx. .5 mil. North from existing pavement (drainage work, gravel and paving).

b) Wingate Hill - Appx. .4 mile from intersection of Leighton's Corner to top of steep hill (drainage work, gravel and paving).

c) Beaver Dam Development - Appx. .5 mile of Birch Road beginning at the intersection of Route 202A and continuing onto Beaver Road (drainage work, gravel and paving).

d) First Crown Point Road - To pave appx. .7 mi. from K. Wagner's property to Herb Clark's property.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

There was no discussion and vote was affirmative.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of establishing a storage facility for material used in the care and maintenance of Town roads and to designate the Board of Select-

men as agents to expend the funds in this fund.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
There was no discussion and vote was affirmative.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the relocation of approximately 1,000 feet of First Crown Point Road near the home of Phebe Chao, as shown on a plan prepared by David A. Berry, in the following manner:

a. To authorize the Selectmen to accept the dedication as a Class V public way of the proposed relocated section of this road and the proposed dedication as a Class VI public way closed subject to gates and bars of an extension of the Cross Road, so called, to intersect with this new portion of First Crown Point Road upon the construction of these new roadways to Town Class V gravel road standards at the expense of Ms. Chao and the approval of that construction by the Road Agent and Selectmen:

b. To authorize the Selectmen to accept the conveyance of a parcel of land of approximately .76 acres from Ms. Chao to the Town for this relocation, and:

c. To discontinue completely as a public way the unneeded sections of First Crown Point Road on either side of the Cross Road (approximately .29 and .24 acres) upon completion of the construction, approval and acceptance process outlined above.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Mr. Huckins addressed this article. After a brief discussion vote was affirmative.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-eight thousand eight hundred dollars (\$38,800.) for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
There was no discussion and vote was affirmative.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the future repair and/or replacement of fire and rescue vehicles and/or equipment.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
There was no discussion and vote was affirmative.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.) for the purchase of new turnout gear, gloves and hoods for the Strafford Fire and Rescue Squad.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
There was no discussion and the vote was affirmative.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:11 for the purpose of future renovation or replacement of the Crown Point Fire Station and to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.) to be placed in this fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend funds in this fund.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.
There was no discussion and vote was affirmative.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of covering the associated costs of forest fire suppression (50% of funds expended to be

reimbursed by the State of NH) and raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.) to be placed in this fund.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Eric Gale addressed this article. After a brief discussion vote was affirmative.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$2,250.) for the purchase of reflector plates to mark numbers on homes in conjunction with the implementation of the Emergency 911 system. This is to be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2003.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

After a short discussion vote was affirmative.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred twenty-three thousand eight hundred eighteen dollars (\$123,818.) for the operation and maintenance of the Police Department.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Chief Young addressed this article. After a brief discussion vote was affirmative.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-three thousand nine hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$23,999.) for the purchase of a Police Vehicle, radio, equipment installation and authorized the withdrawal of Nineteen thousand seven hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$19,759.) plus interest from the Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose. The balance of Four thousand two hundred forty dollars (\$4,240.) to come from general taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Lester Huckins addressed this question and made a motion to amend it to read: To see if the Town will vote and appropriate the sum of Twenty-one thousand fifty-four dollars (\$21,054.) for the purchase of the Police Vehicle, radio and equipment installation and authorized the withdrawal of Nineteen thousand seven hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$19,759.) plus interest from the Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose. The balance on One thousand two hundred ninety-five dollars (\$1,295.) to come from general taxation.

Mr. Huckins further addressed this article, second was heard, vote to amend was affirmative.

There was no further discussion and vote on the article as amended was affirmative.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.) to be used to defray any legal costs, and/or survey costs incurred in connection with Town boundary lines. This is to be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2002.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

There was no discussion and vote was affirmative.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand two hundred and twenty-eight dollars (\$3,228.) to pay for certain studies of electric load profiles within the Town and other related research in furtherance of the possible aggregation of the Town's and/or its residents' and businesses' electric loads in the NHMA Pooled Energy Plan in preparation for deregulation of the electric industry in New Hampshire.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Mr. Dolan, the attorney for Strafford addressed this article. After a brief discussion vote was affirmative.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six hundred twenty-four thousand and three dollars (\$624,003.) for general Town Operations.

Executive	\$38,225
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics.....	8,800
Financial Administration.....	32,500
Revaluation of Property & Tax Maps.....	7,700
Legal Expenses.....	7,000
Employee Benefits, FICA & Unemp. Comp.....	38,000
Planning and Zoning.....	4,000
General Government Building.....	21,600
Auto Permits.....	6,500
Insurance.....	22,000
Advertising and Regional Association.....	1,800
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	2,181
Contingency Fund.....	2,000
Annual CPA Audit.....	5,500
Ambulance.....	1,000
Emergency Management.....	750
Building Inspection.....	7,000
General Highway Expenses & Town Maintenance.....	232,000
Street Lighting.....	2,700
Solid Waste Disposal.....	116,000
Animal Control.....	2,500
Health Inspector.....	300
Rural District Visiting Nurse.....	4,842
General Assistance and Welfare.....	11,000
Community Action.....	1,000
Sexual Assault Support Service.....	992
My Friend's Place.....	200
Parks and Recreation.....	17,275
Library.....	24,588
Patriotic Purposes and Fire Works.....	1,100
Water Test - Bow Lake.....	200
Conservation Commission.....	750
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL.....	\$624,003

(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of Six hundred twenty-four thousand and three dollars (\$624,003), exclusive of all the Special Articles addressed.)

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The Selectmen addressed each of the line items. Carol Popovich made a motion to add an additional line item to the budget from Article 10. The Moderator stated that this was inappropriate. Samuel Hartmann asked about the Surplus Monies. Mr. Huckins and Mr. Dolan both addressed this question. After a lengthy discussion the question was moved. Laurie Gerschwiler made a motion to amend the line item, "Patriotic Purposes and Fire Works", from \$1,100. to \$2,500., a second was heard. At this time Mr. Dolan addressed the issue of amending line items. He stated that normally you don't have line item power, you have to amend the total operating budget. After a short discussion the amendment was put to a vote to increase the operating budget from \$624,003. to \$625,403. Vote to amend did not pass.

Kim McGlinchey made a motion to amend the "Solid Waste Disposal" by 5% to reduce the amount from \$116,000. to \$110,200., a second was heard. Mr. Huckins addressed this amendment. Mr. Dolan also addressed this amendment and stated that you really can't do line items on the budget, there was no line item power, you only have the ability to change the bottom line. After a short discussion a motion was made

to move the question, a second was heard. The amendment was put to a vote to decrease the operating budget from \$624,003. to \$618,203. Vote to amend did not pass.

All discussion was terminated and Article 18 as it was written was put to a vote. Vote was affirmative.

Article 19: "To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public road, a section of Webber Road - starting at Province Road West and continuing to the residence driveway of James and Darlene Towle. This section being approximately - 0.6 mile in length. This road is currently under repair by the abutters and upon the approval of the voters will be subject to approval of the Road Agent and/or the Selectmen." (by Petition.)

The Selectmen recommend this article.

John Hall addressed this article. After a short discussion a motion was made to move the question, a second was heard. The vote on the article was a counted vote, YES - 78, NO - 43.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize prepayment of property taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments as provided by RSA 80:52-a.

There was no discussion and vote was affirmative.

Article 21: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

The Moderator requested all elected officials in uncontested races, to come forward and be sworn in to Office after adjournment of the meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was heard, a second received and the moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Nancy Goedker, Bertha Huckins, Russell Shillaber, Greg Messenger, Sandra Schwab and Carol Wood came forward and were sworn in.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy J. Goedker
Strafford Town Clerk
Strafford, NH 03884

A True Copy of Record Attest:
Nancy Goedker
Strafford Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT **YEAR ENDING 12/31/98**

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - Beg. of Year 1998

Property Taxes

Yield Taxes

TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

Property Taxes

Land Use Change

Yield Taxes

OVERPAYMENT

Yield Taxes (prepayment)

Collect. Int. - Late Taxes

Penalties - Resident Tax

TOTAL DEBITS

**Levy for Year
of this report**

1997

491,121.23

299.62

193,361.62

5,146,153.00

76,480.00

35,504.98

12,146.25

5,484.70

80.00

5,275,848.93

PRIOR LEVIES

1996

1,110.00

844.50

1,110.00

844.50

1,110.00

844.50

1,110.00

844.50

1,110.00

844.50

1,954.50

2,108.70

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER

Property Taxes

Land Use Change

Yield Taxes

Interest

Penalties

Conversion to Lien

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes

Land Use Change

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Property Taxes

Land Use Change

Yield Taxes

TOTAL CREDITS

491,121.23

299.62

30,525.70

140.00

193,361.62

1,079.00

345.46

231.92

1,110.00

612.58

1,954.50

2,108.70

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES / TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 12/31/98

	Levy for Year of this Report	1996	1995	1994
DEBITS				
Unredeemed Liens - Beg. of Year		112,588.69	64,439.87	3,599.88
Liens Executed During Year	207,695.69			
Interest & Costs Collected (after Lien Execution)	3,753.07	8,343.05	23,325.01	
TOTAL DEBITS	211,448.76	120,931.74	87,764.88	3,599.88
CREDITS				
REMITTED TO TREASURER				
Redemptions	51,642.70	42,039.53	58,234.99	
Interest & Costs Collected (after Lien Execution)	3,753.07	8,343.05	23,325.01	3,599.88
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year	156,052.99	70,549.16	6,204.88	
TOTAL CREDITS	211,448.76	120,931.74	87,764.88	3,599.88

POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 1998

Scott L. Young
Chief of Police

Police Officers

Robert Tibbetts, Full Time
Corey Landry, Part Time
Eric Gale, Part Time

Donald Laliberte, Part Time
Thomas Bibeau, Part Time
Gerald Waldron, Part Time

Secretary
Suzanne Zielfelder

Below are some of the calls for service received by the Strafford Police Department in 1998.

Accidents	53	911 Calls	66
M/V Summons	173	M/V Warnings	771
Alarms	59	DWI Arrests	16
Misdemeanor Reports	105	Felony Reports	25
Criminal Mischief	85	Mutual Aid	51
Fire/Rescue Assists	37	Suspicious Activity	82
Arrests	79		

The Police Department had a very busy 1998. We responded to more than 3,000 calls for service which averages to around 8.3 calls per day. In 1996 we responded to 2,129 calls, and in 1997 we responded to 2,897 calls. This has somewhat put a burden on our staff and budget. The most troubling issue that we face is our response time. We have found that we have to prioritize our calls, which means that the public does not always get a quick response. One of the ways that we have alleviated this problem is to have two patrol cars out on the busy nights and weekends.

Unfortunately 1999's proposed budget will show a slight increase over 1998. If you will remember, we had a zero increase in 1998 and a 2% increase in 1997 over 1996. We are getting to the point where we are stretching our resources very thin. We have found the need to spend more time on patrol, which in turn we are consuming more gasoline etc. In 1999 we are looking to stagger our patrols more, putting more officers on duty at any one time, keeping them out longer at night.

We also have come to the point that we need to do some repairs to the Police Department Building. Three years ago we had to put a new roof on the building which is holding up well. But the water damage that was caused by the old roof has taken its toll on the 20+ year old modular. We also plan on making the building more secure both inside and out. The over all proposed 1999 budget increased 9% or \$11,544.00 over 1998.

It is the Department's continuing goal to render efficient and professional service to the community with community policing, 17 week D.A.R.E. program, and numerous presentations to civic groups, youth groups and schools. The department encourages anyone with questions or concerns with which we may assist, to contact us. The department will better serve the community needs with community participation and input.

Respectfully submitted,
 Scott L. Young, Chief of Police

DETAILED STATEMENTS OF PAYMENTS & ENCUMBRANCES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT 1998

Salaries	89,030.56
Gas	3,314.21
Office Supplies	1,230.35
Heat/Electricity	1,716.77
Telephone	4,220.54
Equipment/Maintenance	3,818.38
Cruiser Maintenance	5,355.28
Uniforms	4,217.58
Building Maintenance/Misc.	728.40
Training	445.21
Strafford Dispatch	6,872.00
Prosecution Services	1,500.00
Subsidized Grant	<u>519.24</u>
Gross Exp. Police	122,968.52
Revenues	
Accident Reports	800.00
Witness Fees	604.68
Outside Details	509.00
Pistol Permits	430.00
Fines	165.00
State Grants	834.24
Federal Grant (Cops Fast)	<u>19,296.33</u>
TOTAL	22,639.25
Net Exp. Police	100,329.27

HILL LIBRARY
Annual Report for 1998
Telephone 664-2800

LIBRARY HOURS

Winter

Nov. 1 - April 30

Mon. 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Tues. 12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m.
 Wed. 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Summer

May 1 - Oct. 31

Mon. 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Tues. 12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m.
 Wed. 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

INVENTORY

Books owned by the Library as of Jan. 1, 1998	14,579
Books purchased in 1998	197
Books donated in 1998	421
Books lost or discarded	108
Books owned (total) as of December 31, 1998	15,089
Magazine subscriptions (gifts)	9
Magazine subscriptions (purchased)	20
Used magazines donated	100
Audio tapes	123
Videos owned	332

CIRCULATION

Total patron attendance per year	6,307
Total books circulated	11,464
(Fiction - 3,294; Non-fiction - 2,305; Children - 5,860)	
Magazines	1,056
Audio Tapes	494
Videos	2,053

Kathryn Steward
 Librarian

HILL LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1998

Checking Account

RECEIPTS

Town appropriation (received in 1998)	**11,500.00
Transfers from Fidelity Investments	609.37
(Warren Dow Foss)	
Other (fines, copier fees, refunds)	2,046.62
Gifts received	125.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$14,280.99

Operating Expenses:

Books	3,350.52
Subscriptions	415.67
Audio tapes	57.28
Video tapes	171.43
Telephone	754.34
Heat (LP Gas)	1,408.36
Electricity	1,120.26
Custodial	490.00
Supplies (stationery, copier)	682.13
Equipment - Capital Expense	
Computer service	1,185.00
Software	5,293.95
Membership dues	843.60
Insurance	85.00
Miscellaneous - postage, box rent, bank fees, etc. .	165.00
Accounting	200.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$16,222.54**

NET DECREASE IN CASH **(1,941.55)**

BEGINNING CASH AT JANUARY 1, 1998 **6,029.70**

ENDING CASH AT DECEMBER 31, 1998 **\$ 4,088.15**

SALARY EXPENSE - PAID BY TOWN
LIBRARIAN, LIBRARIAN ASSISTANT AND LIBRARY AID ****\$12,712.00**

****Total Expended 1998 (Town Appropriation)** **\$24,212.00**

COMPUTER ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

Beginning balance in account on Jan. 1, 1998	\$ 20.52
Deposits	<u>250.00</u>
Balance on hand in account on Dec. 31, 1998	270.52

FIDELITY INVESTMENTS ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

Balance Jan. 1, 1998	\$575.94
Dividends received	<u>33.43</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$609.37

DISBURSEMENTS:

Transfers to Bank of NH checking account	<u>\$609.37</u>
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$609.37

Balance in Account Dec. 31, 1998 \$0.00

Respectfully submitted,
Merrill F. Steward, *Treasurer*

TRUSTEES' 1998 HILL LIBRARY REPORT

The operation of the Hill Library was enhanced by the addition of six new volunteers to assist Librarian Kassie Steward, Assistant Librarian Charlotte Berry and Aide Donna Franklin. Other long term volunteers were recognized for their services at a reception in their honor. It is the dedication of the Library workers that make possible the successful operation of the Library.

A major investment was made with the help of the Strafford Library Association in a new Winnebago Computer system. The Trustees thank Bill Marks and Merrill Steward for the many hours they donated to put this in operation.

Trustees visited local Libraries to gather information on their Library Policies and Operation Procedures. The Hill Library was then reviewed and revised. It is available to be read in the Library.

Substantial additions to the reference collection were made utilizing the Warren D. Foss Fund and a grant.

The Jane Huckins Fund was tapped for a children's performance and the Chilis summer reading/activity program.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Feldman
Carol McCarty
Carol Wood
Library Trustees

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - 1998 ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees of Trust Funds are responsible for the trust funds and the capital reserve funds assigned to them. They must invest funds assigned to them in accordance with State and Town regulations. In the Town of Strafford, the Trustees are responsible for the perpetual care of the individual gravesites in the community cemeteries and the entire family cemeteries for which Town Trust Funds have been established.

There are five community cemeteries, namely; The Snackerty, Caswell-Waldron, Caverly Hill, Center Strafford and Crown Point cemeteries. The Caverly Hill, Center Strafford and Crown Point cemeteries have active associations that oversees the maintenance of the cemeteries. The annual income from trust funds on individual gravesites in these cemeteries are paid, when billed, to the associations. The Caswell-Waldron, and Snackerty cemeteries have no formal associations that take care of the cemeteries and the Trustees of Trust Funds are responsible for the perpetual care of the gravesites with trust funds.

There are twenty-six family cemeteries in Town with trust funds for perpetual care. These cemeteries along with the two community cemeteries require several mowing and other maintenance work such as removing broken limbs and etc. Due to the small annual income from small trust funds on many of the cemeteries, it has been necessary to rely on volunteer labor to supplement the small dollar income available.

It takes a person with the attitude of wanting to see these cemeteries in good condition. Therefore, the Trustees seek responsible workers to help. A volunteer should be in good physical condition as volunteers to work in cemeteries in your section of Town.

If you would like to help in keeping our cemeteries in good condition, call 664-2244 and ask for Justine or Roger.

The following Statistical Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Strafford 1998 shows the status of the capital reserve funds and the trust funds, including the receipts and expenditures.

M. Justine Leighton, C. Boyen Thompson, Roger S. Leighton; Trustees

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD

FUNDS FOR CEMETERY AND PERPETUAL CARE - INVESTED IN CD'S AND CHECKING ACCOUNT

TOTAL 1998 INTEREST								\$1,738.86
NAME OF TRUST	%	PRINCIPAL	BEG OF YEAR	BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSES	BALANCE	GRAND TOTAL
					DURING YEAR	DURING YEAR	END OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
BABB, JOHN	0.80%	100.00	371.10		13.91	0.00	385.01	485.01
BROWN, ALBERT (HALL)	0.40%	50.00	51.44		6.96	6.00	52.40	102.40
BROWN, ALBERT (CRITC)	0.40%	50.00	65.63		6.96	6.00	66.59	116.59
CASWELL-DEARBORN	3.10%	400.00	570.16		53.90	51.82	572.24	972.24
CAVERLY, ABBIE	0.80%	100.00	535.63		13.91	0.00	549.54	649.54
CAVERLY, REV JOHN	3.70%	665.00	545.23		64.34	50.00	559.57	1,224.57
CLARK, JOHN	0.80%	100.00	672.33		13.91	0.00	686.24	786.24
COOPER, LILLIAN FOSS	1.50%	200.00	362.81		26.08	0.00	388.89	588.89
FOSS, BENJAMIN	3.10%	400.00	80.25		53.90	0.00	134.15	534.15
FOSS, HERBERT	1.50%	200.00	594.94		26.08	0.00	621.02	821.02
FOSS, ROBERT	0.80%	100.00	323.93		13.91	6.00	331.84	431.84
FOYE-PERKINS	3.10%	400.00	58.60		53.90	0.00	112.50	512.50
FOYE (WINGATE FARM)	3.10%	400.00	18.54		53.90	24.00	48.44	448.44
GARFIELD, ELIZA	1.20%	150.00	691.73		20.87	0.00	712.60	862.60
HAM, LLEWELYN	1.50%	200.00	673.35		26.08	6.40	693.03	893.03
HARTWELL, ELIZABETH	0.80%	100.00	411.52		13.91	0.00	425.43	525.43
HAWKINS, BETSEY	0.80%	100.00	12.48		13.91	12.48	13.91	113.91
HAYES, PAUL	0.40%	50.00	66.23		6.96	0.00	73.19	123.19
HOLMES, ELLA	0.80%	100.00	203.66		13.91	6.00	211.57	311.57
HOSEA BERRY CEM.	4.70%	600.00	103.81		81.73	9.00	176.54	776.54
HOWARD CEM	6.30%	800.00	165.92		109.55	6.00	269.47	1,069.47
JENNESS, JOHN	1.50%	200.00	389.16		26.08	0.00	415.24	615.24
JENNESS, SAMUEL	1.50%	200.00	633.06		26.08	0.00	659.14	859.14
JENNESS, SAMUEL	1.50%	200.00	275.83		26.08	0.00	301.91	501.91
JEWELL, JOHN W.	0.80%	100.00	380.54		13.91	0.00	394.45	494.45
LEIGHTON, WINKLEY	2.00%	250.00	751.96		34.78	0.00	786.74	1,036.74
LOUGEE (EDGERLY RD)	3.10%	400.00	24.48		53.90	6.00	72.38	472.38
OTIS-DREW	7.80%	1,000.00	155.52		135.63	9.00	282.15	1,282.15
PERKINS, NANCY	0.80%	100.00	487.43		13.91	0.00	501.34	601.34
PERKINS, PAUL	1.40%	175.00	744.56		24.34	0.00	768.90	943.90
SAXTON, HELEN FOSS	7.80%	1,000.00	717.89		135.63	9.00	844.52	1,844.52

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

SCRUTON	0.00%	320.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	320.00
SEAVEY, ABBIE	0.80%	100.00	12.48	13.91	12.48	13.91	12.48	13.91	113.91
SMITH, D.W.	0.80%	100.00	12.48	13.91	12.48	13.91	12.48	13.91	113.91
STANTON, FRED	1.50%	200.00	572.73	26.08	534.46	64.35	534.46	64.35	264.35
SWAIN, ANNIE & GRAY	1.50%	200.00	554.27	26.08	6.00	574.35	6.00	574.35	774.35
TOBIAS DREW CEM	7.80%	1,000.00	165.20	135.63	6.00	294.83	6.00	294.83	1,294.83
WAIN, MARY J.	3.20%	400.00	64.82	55.64	33.00	87.46	33.00	87.46	487.46
WALDRON, JOHN	0.80%	100.00	400.16	13.91	0.00	414.07	0.00	414.07	514.07
WALDRON, CASWELL	0.80%	100.00	329.19	13.91	12.00	331.10	12.00	331.10	431.10
WALKER, JAMES	0.80%	100.00	12.48	13.91	12.48	13.91	12.48	13.91	113.91
WATERHOUSE, ELLA	1.50%	200.00	23.40	26.08	23.40	26.08	23.40	26.08	226.08
WEBSTER, TUTTLE	3.00%	375.00	981.00	52.17	6.00	1,027.17	6.00	1,027.17	1,402.17
WELCH , BETSEY	1.50%	200.00	650.41	26.08	9.00	667.49	9.00	667.49	867.49
SLOPER ROAD	0.40%	50.00	68.58	6.96	6.00	69.54	6.00	69.54	119.54
ROUNDING	0.00%	0.00	0.05	0.04	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.09	0.09
SUBTOTAL	92.20%	\$12,335.00	\$14,986.97	\$1,603.23	\$881.00	15,709.20	\$881.00	15,709.20	\$28,044.20
YOUNG, LAVINIA EDUC	7.80%	1,000.00	3,698.50	135.63	0.00	3,834.13	0.00	3,834.13	4,834.13
TOTAL	100.00%	\$13,335.00	\$18,685.47	\$1,738.86	\$881.00	19,543.33	\$881.00	19,543.33	\$32,878.33

NAME OF TRUST	%	PRINCIPAL	BALANCE BEG OF YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENSES DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	GRAND TOTAL END OF YEAR
THEODORE STORER	100.00%	11,500.00	23,109.42	1,706.81	0.00	24,816.23	36,316.23
TOTAL	100.00%	11,500.00	23,109.42	1,706.81	0.00	24,816.23	36,316.23

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS FOR:						
RECYCLING CENTER:						
FROM TOWN RECYCLING						
BUILDING & IMPROVEMENT:						
ELEM. SCHOOL #1	100.00%	60,798.10	17,081.21	2,138.90	0.00	19,220.11
ELEM. SCHOOL #2	100.00%	11,968.96	27,061.03	1,786.06	0.00	28,847.09
ELEM. SCHOOL #3	100.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ELEM. SCHOOL #4	100.00%	10,000.00	691.61	484.02	0.00	1,175.63
FIRE & RESCUE VEHICLES	100.00%	25,000.00	115.07	1,443.11	0.00	1,558.18
FIRE & RESCUE	100.00%	23,380.03	0.00	248.95	0.00	23,628.98
LAND PURCHASE:						
FROM RECREATION #1	100.00%	2,500.00	1,934.78	225.48	0.00	2,160.26
FROM RECREATION #2	100.00%	2,500.00	1,519.70	206.89	0.00	1,726.59
LAND PURCHASE:						
CONSERVATION	100.00%	1,000.00	457.19	30.62	0.00	487.81
POLICE VEHICLE:						
FROM POLICE	100.00%	7,000.00	0.00	378.76	7,378.76	0.00
FROM POLICE	100.00%	12,000.00	759.21	546.47	13,305.68	0.00
STORAGE FACILITY:						
#1	100.00%	5,000.00	833.75	290.23	0.00	1,123.98
#2	100.00%	5,000.00	600.07	256.76	0.00	856.83
#4	100.00%	7,355.00	299.71	398.55	0.00	8,053.26
NEW	100.00%	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CROWN POINT FIRE STATION	100.00%	5,000.00	0.00	19.03	0.00	5,019.03
FOREST FIRE FUND	100.00%	3,000.00	0.00	11.44	0.00	3,011.44
TOTAL		186,502.09	51,353.33	8,465.27	20,684.44	225,636.25
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$211,337.09	\$93,148.22	\$11,910.94	\$21,565.44	\$294,830.81

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD

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CEMETERY & EDUCATION DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	PRINCIPAL	BALANCE BEG OF YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENSE DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	GRAND TOTAL
CITIZENS #3342-360938	9,065.00	12,627.84	1,356.31	0.00	13,984.15	23,049.15
PROFILE CD#44-6973	250.00	5,003.80	286.33	286.33	5,003.80	5,253.80
CITIZENS#330083-455-6	3,020.00	656.59	22.83	594.67	84.75	3,104.75
CITIZENS#3342-359670	1,000.00	397.24	73.39	0.00	470.63	1,470.63
TOTAL	13,335.00	18,685.47	1,738.86	881.00	19,543.33	32,878.33

	CHECKING INCOME	CHECKING DISBURSED
INTEREST	22.83	
TRANSFER	286.33	286.33
		Perpetual care transfer from CD
PERPETUAL CARE		594.67
TOTAL	309.16	881.00

STORER CONSERVATION FUND	PRINCIPAL	BALANCE BEG OF YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENSE DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	GRAND TOTAL
DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT						
CITIZENS#3342-282724	0.00	3,521.69	73.98	0.00	3,595.67	3,595.67
CITIZENS#3342-378969	11,500.00	19,587.73	1,632.83	0.00	21,220.56	32,720.56
TOTAL	11,500.00	23,109.42	1,706.81	0.00	24,816.23	36,316.23

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD

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CAPITAL RESERVES:

DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	PRINCIPAL	BALANCE BEG OF YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR	EXPENSE DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	GRAND TOTAL
CITIZENS#3342-354520	60,798.10	17,081.21	2,138.90	0.00	19,220.11	80,018.21 RECYCLING
CITIZENS#3342-283804	11,968.96	27,061.03	1,786.06	0.00	28,847.09	40,816.05 SCHOOL #1
CITIZENS#3342-487156	10,000.00	691.61	484.02	0.00	1,175.63	11,175.63 SCHOOL #3
CITIZENS#3350-916910	25,000.00	115.07	1,443.11	0.00	1,558.18	26,558.18 SCHOOL #4
MBIA NH-01-0487-0003	23,380.03	0.00	248.95	0.00	248.95	23,628.98 FIRE&RESCUE
CITIZENS#3342-409082	2,500.00	1,934.78	225.48	0.00	2,160.26	4,660.26 REC. LAND #1
CITIZENS#3342-409260	2,500.00	1,519.70	206.89	0.00	1,726.59	4,226.59 REC. LAND #2
CITIZENS#3342-314669	1,000.00	457.19	30.62	0.00	487.81	1,487.81 CONSRVTN
PROFILE#01-42-9306	12,000.00	759.21	546.47	13,305.68	0.00	13 0.00 POLICE VEHICLE
MBIA NH-01-0487-0002	7,000.00	0.00	378.76	7,378.76	0.00	0.00 POLICE VEHICLE
CITIZENS#3341-658615	5,000.00	600.07	256.76	0.00	856.83	5,856.83 STORAGE #1
CITIZENS#3342-410552	5,000.00	833.75	290.23	0.00	1,123.98	6,123.98 STORAGE #2
MBIA NH-01-0487-0001	7,355.00	299.71	398.55	0.00	698.26	8,053.26 STORAGE #4
MBIA-NEU(IN TRANSIT)	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00 STORAGE
MBIA NH-01-0487-0004	5,000.00	0.00	19.03	0.00	19.03	5,019.03 CROWN PT FSTA
MBIA NH-01-0487-0005	3,000.00	0.00	11.44	0.00	11.44	3,011.44 FOREST FIRE FND
TOTAL	186,502.09	51,353.33	8,465.27	20,684.44	58,134.16	225,636.25
GRAND TOTAL	\$211,337.09	\$93,148.22	\$11,910.94	\$21,565.44	\$102,493.72	\$294,830.81

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT 1998

The Board of Adjustment has held nine public hearings for the consideration of applications requesting variances or special exceptions to the Zoning and Land Use Ordinances of the Town. In addition, the Board met four times in joint session with the Srafford Planning Board to consider applications for non-residential use. The number of times the Board meets during a year is based on the number of applications received.

James T. McCarty, Chairman

Receipts 1998

Application Fees	\$1,390.00
Miscellaneous	<u>00.00</u>
Total	\$1,390.00

Expenditures 1998

Postage	\$311.17
Foster's Daily Democrat (Public Notices)	615.89
Miscellaneous	431.00
Secretarial	<u>690.63</u>
Total	\$2,048.69

RURAL DISTRICT VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION TOWN REPORT 1998

Despite the radical changes in reimbursement that have challenged the home care industry in 1998, Rural District Visiting Nurse Association has remained focused on what matters most - providing compassionate, cost-effective, quality care to our patients in Strafford.

Our Board of Directors, including your Board Representatives Leslie Dupee and Anne Huckins, continue to assess the health care environment in Strafford to ensure that the decisions we make are in the best interest of your community. We continue to participate in numerous local, state and national networks and associations including: the Coalition of Strafford County Agencies, the Strafford Network, the Rural Home Care Network, VNA Health System of Northern New England and the Home Care Association of New Hampshire. Through these affiliations we are able to keep our costs down and stay abreast of the legislative/regulatory issues that impact our agency and the communities we serve.

Rural District Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. has served as the primary home care provider in Strafford since 1969. In the era of mega-mergers, Rural District Visiting Nurse Association continues to serve your community as a private, independent, non-profit home health agency certified by Medicare and licensed by the State in home health, hospice and community clinics. Most importantly, our accreditation with commendation by the Joint Commission on Health Care Organizations assures you and your family that Rural District Visiting Nurse Association provides high quality care in a cost effective manner.

Rural District Visiting Nurse Association also remains committed to serving patients regardless of their financial circumstances. In fact, we are the only agency serving Strafford that routinely serves uninsured and underinsured, in addition to insured and private-paying clients. Our full range of home health services are now supported by a dedicated group of volunteers providing companionship and respite to patients and families.

Your town contributions are essential to meeting the many health needs in your community. As competition increases for insured client referrals, please keep in mind you have a right to choose. Choose quality with a long-standing commitment to your community. **Ask for Rural District Visiting Nurse Association by name.**

We are proud to be meeting your home health care needs since 1969 and are looking forward to working for you in the future.

Type and number of visits:

Skilled Nursing	260
Home Health Aide	891
Physical Therapy	65
Occupational Therapy	90
Speech Therapy	37
Medical Social Worker	10
Office Patients	1
Homemaking	100
TOTAL VISITS	1,454

Pay Status	% of patients	% of visits
Medicare	64%	88%
Medicaid/HCBC	9%	3%
Commercial	23%	8%
No Pay/Private	4%	1%
Private Duty	0%	0%
Hospice	0%	0%

Report submitted by,
Linda Hotchkiss, RN,MHSA, Executive Director

ANNUAL REPORT OF STRAFFORD FIRE & RESCUE

Strafford Fire and Rescue had another very busy year. We had several serious structure fires of which one was a total loss. It was started by lightning and was discovered by a neighbor after the building was totally involved. The lightning struck a nearby tree then traveled through the ground into the building. It also traveled from the barn to the house electrical panel and blew several breakers but didn't start a fire in the house. Another one started as a chimney fire then spread to the partitions and did major damage, however, the house was salvageable. The men did a great job of stopping the fire before it was a total loss. We received mutual aid for both fires from all the surrounding Towns and we wish to thank them very much for their help.

Please call us immediately if you do have a chimney fire so we can keep it from becoming a major fire. We would rather come to your house and not have to do much, than to respond to a structure fire.

One major change in the department happened in June when Chief Eric Gale, Jr. stepped down as Chief so as to spend more time with his family. He is still on the department and responds to calls but doesn't have to handle all the administrative functions which are demanding more time every year. He did an outstanding job and we are glad he is still able to assist us.

Loren Pierce was elected Chief and Scott Whitehouse Deputy Chief.

We lost several of our members this year as they moved out of Town, but we have been fortunate enough to have an equal number of new people join our team. We are always looking for new members so if you are interested in joining please call Chief Loren Pierce or contact any member of the department and we will get an application to you. The main requirements are that you be in good physical condition, have time to get training and respond to calls and have no criminal record. You can be interested in just fire, just rescue or both.

911 mapping of the Town continues at a snails pace. We are unsure as to when it will be completed and would not want to guess on a date at this time. When you are reporting a fire or medical emergency please use 911.

We have been doing a great many inspections as of late. Most are in new houses although several are for foster care.

Our dispatch center, Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid, is changing radio equipment from low band to high band and moving to a new dispatch center. As a result we will need to get new mobile and portable radios as well as pagers. You will see an article in the warrant pertaining to this subject and we ask for your support on this article as well as all the other Fire and Rescue related articles so we can continue to serve you in an efficient and professional manner. The reason for the change is that radio equipment manufacturers have steadily reduced the types and variety of products available for the low band frequencies and they no longer manufacture continuous duty base stations that are required for the systems mountain top sites. They have cut back on the availability of portable radios and as recently as 1998 have announced that they will no longer be manufacturing low band pagers. High band offers the following benefits:

- Better pager operation

- Better portable radio operation

- Full line of equipment available

- More efficient operation-more coverage with fewer transmitter sites

- Compatible channels with many other fire departments in the adjacent communities as well as other public safety departments in the area.

We have several major issues ahead of us for the next few years and we are trying to plan for them now and spread the expense out over several years.

FOR ALL EMERGENCY CALLS - PLEASE CALL 911

Respectfully,
Loren Pierce, Chief

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Maintenance of the roads in the Town of Strafford for 1998 consisted of plowing and sanding in the winter months. Roadside mowing, patching, drainage work, and gravel and grading of dirt roads continues throughout the summer months. The ice storm in January and the rains in June damaged several town roads requiring additional maintenance and repairs.

Improvements were made to the First Crown Point Road including relocation of approximately 1000 feet of the road at the Phebe Chao property in preparation for paving.

Gregg Messenger, *Road Agent*

ROAD MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES - 1998

Arborcare Tree Service	\$ 225.00
R.W. Tasker & Son	3,642.50
Bronnberg Log Trucking	8,700.00
Radford Messenger, Inc.	<u>128,008.00</u>

Sub Total	\$140,575.50
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GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES

Supplies	\$ 319.95
Blasting	2,751.50
Equipment/Maintenance	3,615.91
Gravel	9,271.26
Sand	6,396.10
Salt	6,935.77
Cold Patch	651.39
Paving Asphalt	51,372.00
Culverts	5,970.00
Street Signs/Posts	<u>932.09</u>

Sub Total	\$88,215.97
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$228,791.47
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PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS

87R4. WINTER PARKING - Pursuant to RSA 265:70, the following parking regulation will be established:

a. There will be no parking on all Town roads so as to impede snow removal. Any violations of the above will be subject to a fine of \$5.00 per violation and subject to towing, pursuant to RSA 265:69 and RSA 265:70.

87R5. SNOW OBSTRUCTION -- Pursuant to RSA 249:23, the following snow obstruction regulations will be established:

a. Any person who shall put or place or cause to be put or placed any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any town maintained road for any purpose, except to provide a place necessary for crossing, recrossing, and traveling upon said roads by sleds, logging or farm equipment shall be guilty of a violation if a natural person or guilty of a misdemeanor if any other person. The provisions of this section shall not apply where snow or ice is pushed across the traveled surface of said road for the purpose of snow removal from land adjoining said roads.

Any violation of the above will be subjected to a fine of up to \$100.00, pursuant to RSA 249:23.

RECYCLING REPORT

With the steadily increasing number of new homes in Strafford, the use of the Recycling Center continues to increase. To meet the demand, there has been interest in opening the Recycling Center for some evening hours, especially to offer working people better access to the facility. Sunday is the busiest day at the Center, and evening hours might also ease the congestion on Sunday mornings. We are checking into the cost of installation of lights, etc. for this purpose.

We have had testing done in the area of the old waste oil facility where overflow oil spilled. A new waste oil container has been installed. More testing will be needed, and cleanup of the spill area will be done as soon as possible. Please be careful when adding oil to the container to prevent future hazardous spills.

Your cooperation with the procedures at the Center is greatly appreciated.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM
Sunday 9 AM to 1 PM

Wednesday (June to October) 9 AM to 1 PM

REVENUES RECEIVED 1998

Stickers	\$ 571.00
Tires (Customer Fees)	444.00
Metal Disposal (Customer Fees)	950.00
Net REvenues after Recycling of Materials	<u>1,715.59</u>
TOTAL	\$3,680.59

PLANNING BOARD REPORT 1998

Planning Board activity again increased considerably during 1998, and the Board reviewed more new applications than we have seen for several years. There were substantially more new residential lots created during 1998 than in any of the previous few years. We also continue to see a number of applications for Non-Residential Site Plan Review and/or Multi-Family Use. We would like to remind Strafford residents that if you plan on opening a new business in your home, or are considering the commercial use of your property, you should contact the Planning Board. Non-Residential Site Plan Review may be needed for your project.

Finally, we remind you that public participation is welcomed at all meetings.

Edgar W. Huckins, *Chairman*

Receipts 1998

Application Fees	\$3,510.00
Books (Town Zoning Ordinances and Regulations)	125.00
Miscellaneous	<u>.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,635.00

EXPENDITURES 1998

Postage	\$ 465.88
Supplies	18.60
Advertising (Foster's Daily Democrat)	273.84
Printing (Town Zoning Ordinances and Regulations)	62.10
Secretarial	<u>1,072.25</u>
TOTAL	\$1,892.67

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Town experienced brisk building activity this past year. New home permits are at their highest levels historically. Strafford continues to remain a desirable community to live in. With the increasing load being handled by the Building Inspection department, it is quickly approaching the time when the Town may wish to consider the addition of a Code Enforcement Officer and/or additional help to keep with the existing demands. Thanks to the many cooperative folks I have had the pleasure of working with during this past year.

Stephen Haynes Smith, Building Inspector

MONTH	NEW HOMES TRANSFERS	ADDITION REMODELING	RENEWALS	GARAGE/SHED POOL/BARN	DOCK DECK	SEPTIC
January		1				1
February	1	1				
March	2	1		1		
April	5			3		
May	2	8	1	5	1	1
June	5	2		5	1	1
July	2		3	2		2
August	5	4	2	5	1	1
September	3	2	1	7	1	2
October	2	1	1	3		
November	2	2	1	3		
December	1	2	1	1		
Total	30 Houses	24	10	35	4	8

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forest and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our Office at 271-2217.

There are 2,400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the State. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. Early in 1998 we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forest of New Hampshire. This damage created a greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the State. Your local Fire Warden

and Forest Ranger need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1998 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1998)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY		CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED	
Belknap	44	Smoking	59
Carroll	89	Debris Burning	38
Cheshire	67	Campfire	29
Coos	18	Power Line	14
Grafton	43	Railroad	9
Hillsborough	232	Equipment Use	24
Merrimack	108	Lightning	16
Rockingham	121	Children	95
Strafford	64	OHRV	6
Sullivan	12	Miscellaneous	53
.....		Unknown	140
.....		Fireworks	6
.....		Arson/Suspicious	16
.....		Illegal	231
TOTAL FIRES	798	Rekindle	43
TOTAL ACRES	442.86	Disposal of ashes	19

STRAFFORD RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT - 1998

Attendance at the Bow Lake Beach was down this summer, in part due to unusually cool and rainy weather. Overall fewer people registered for swim lessons, although water safety instructors remained busy as beginning level swim lessons continued to be popular. Expenses have remained stable, as the Town is responsible for monitoring the beach and dam area during the summer season.

Income from season and day passes issued to both residents and non-residents for the Bow Lake Beach area totalled \$848.00. Swim lesson income totalled \$958.00.

The swim program was run by a certified water-safety instructor with parttime assistants. Life guards and gate attendants made up the rest of the staff. Salaries for

the summer totalled \$12,346.02. The Red Cross charges and other expenses for the swim program totalled \$372.77. Supplies, water testing, and general maintenance totalled \$645.87.

We were able to stay well within the operating budget and request that it remain unchanged.

STRAFFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1998 ANNUAL REPORT

We begin this year's report with several very heartfelt "Thank You's". Our first and most important thank you goes to Merrill and Kathryn Steward and Phyllis M. Steward, who have very generously donated a 70+/- acre tract of land to the people of the Town of Strafford. This land abuts the Strafford Town Forest System on the westerly end of the Storer Lot. The Parker Mountain Beaver Pond Property donated by the Steward family runs along the lower section of the face of Parker Mountain, toward the Province Road and Bow Lake. Protection of this land as conservation land will contribute to the protection of a continuous wildlife corridor in this important area. The Conservation Commission is asking the voters to approve a warrant article to add this generous donation to our Town Forest System, thus providing an extra measure of protection and hopefully insuring that this land will be maintained as conservation land well into the future.

Our next thank you goes to Bobby Powers, who captained a delightful fall cruise around Bow Lake. It had been a number of years since Conservation Commission members had gotten together to really take a look at Bow Lake, and it was a real learning experience. During this trip, the Conservation Commission videotaped the entire shoreline of the lake. The video will allow us to better monitor activities along the lake and more easily assess dredge and fill projects proposed for the shoreline. We continue to review all of the applications submitted for work in wetlands areas, forwarding our recommendations to the NH Wetlands Bureau. We continue to urge anyone planning a project involving work in wetlands, or on the shoreline of Bow Lake, to meet with us to discuss the project in advance of completing your applications.

Finally, we offer our usual thanks, first to the members of the Strafford Cub Scouts and Boy Scout Troop 23 who work doing trail maintenance in the Town Forest and on the Storer Lot every year, secondly to George Kitz, who mows the upper field around the plaque at the Town Forest, and finally to Brian Dahlgren and family, who assisted greatly by mowing the lower field below the plaque and the parking area during the summer months. The Scouts and these two families make it possible for all of us to enjoy the Town Forest. Please remember that copies of the trail maps for

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The Commission also would like to continue to encourage students from Coe-Brown Academy to volunteer for conservation related projects for their Senior Community Service Project. All Coe-Brown students are required to undertake a community service project during their senior year. We are very happy to work with any of our local high school students - please feel free to get in touch with any of the members of the Commission!

Finally, please remember to make use of our many Town properties as you plan recreation activities. If you are not sure how to locate the various properties, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Commission or the Strafford Town Office.

In closing, we would like to urge people to learn about and contribute to the work of the Bear Paw Regional Greenways committee. If you haven't already heard of this organization, the Greenways is a volunteer effort to establish a network of voluntarily protected lands that would eventually form "greenway corridors" connecting Pawtuckaway to the Bear Brook area through Northwood, and extending up through the Blue Hills Foundation Conservation Lands to Blue Job Mountain in the north. Strafford is obviously an important part of this region. The greenways corridors would benefit both wildlife and the human communities involved, offering recreation and educational opportunities while protecting watershed, wildlife habitat, and even important historic sites. The Strafford Conservation Commission fully supports the Bear Paw Regional Greenways, and we would be glad to answer your questions about this important project.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Evans, *Chairman*
Harmony Anderson
JoAnn Brown
J.B. Cullen
Cal Schroeder
Bruce Smith
Sarah M. Ward

STRAFFORD

SCHOOL

DISTRICTS

REPORTS

1998

**OFFICERS OF THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
1998 - 1999**

SCHOOL BOARD

	Term Expires
Dr. Alfred Olson, Chairman	1999
Mr. Bruce Patrick	2000
Mr. Stephen Leighton	2001
Mr. Mark Dolan	2000
Mrs. Joanne Piper-Lang	2001

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Harry C. Fensom, Jr., Ed.D.

SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Judith A. McGann, M.Ed.

PRINCIPAL

Richard A. Jenisch, M.A.

TREASURER

Sandra Pierce

CLERK

Carrolle Popovich

MODERATOR

Vacant

AUDITOR

Mason & Rich, P.A.

**SCHOOL WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford School in said district on the 3rd day of March 1999, at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

2. To see if the School District will vote to create a Cooperative School District Planning Committee in accordance with RSA 195:18. Such committee shall consist of three qualified voters of whom at least one shall be a member of the school board, the membership to be elected at the meeting at which the committee is created, unless the district determines that they shall be appointed by the moderator.

The School Board recommends this article.

3. To see if the School District will raise and appropriate, as a supplemental appropriation for the 1998-1999 fiscal year, the sum of \$12,075.06, for the support of schools, for capital improvements, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district; this appropriation to be funded by excess Foundation Aid.

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

4. To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Strafford School Board and the Strafford Education Association NEA-NH which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
1999-2000	\$26,707.64
2000-2001	\$49,292.27

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-six thousand seven hundred seven dollars and sixty-four cents for the 1999-2000 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

5. Shall the Strafford School District, if Article #4 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article #4 cost items only?

The School Board recommends this article.

6. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to twenty-five

thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be placed in the school district capital reserve fund for the purpose of financing any and all capital improvements to school buildings as well as all or part of the cost of new construction for the school district in accord with the provisions of RSA Ch 35, with such amount to be funded from the year end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on July 1, 1999.

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

7. To see what sum of money the school district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district official and agents, for capital construction, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the school district.

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

8. To choose agents and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

9. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 3rd day of February 1999.

Dr. Alfred Olson
Mr. Mark Dolan
Mr. Bruce Patrick

Mr. Steve Leighton
Ms. Joanne Piper-Lang
School Board

SCHOOL WARRANT THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford Elementary School in said district on the 9th day of March 1999, at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing three years.
3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing three years.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 27th day of January 1999.

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

Dr. Alfred Olson
Mr. Bruce Patrick
Mr. Stephen Leighton
Mr. Mark Dolan
Mrs. Joanne Piper-Lang

Dr. Alfred Olson, Chairman
Mr. Bruce Patrick
Mr. Stephen Leighton
Mr. Mark Dolan
Mrs. Joanne Piper-Lang
School Board

**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1997 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		9,645.25
Revenue from Federal Lunch Reimbursements	24,588.00	
Received from all other Sources	<u>76,775.37</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>101,363.37</u>
 TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR		 111,008.62
(balance - receipts)		
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERED PAID		<u>-108,836.65</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1998		2,171.97
(Treasurer's Bank Balance)		

Sandra L. Pierce, *District Treasurer*

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

DATE	FROM WHOM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
July 1, 1997	State of N.H.	School Lunch Program	\$24,588.00
to		Lunch/Deli	68,327.35
June 30, 1998		Ice Cream	1,779.50
		Snack Machine	5,783.00
		Miscellaneous	804.21
	Citizen Bank	Interest	<u>81.31</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$101,363.37

**FOOD SERVICES DEPT. 2560 ST.SCH
BALANCE SHEET
As of June 30, 1998**

ASSETS

Current Assets - Checking/Savings		
100 - CASH/CKBK		2,171.97
Total Checking/Savings		2,171.97
 Accounts Receivable		
1200 Accounts Receivable		4,383.70
Total Accounts Receivable		4,383.70
 Total Currents Assets		<u>6,555.67</u>
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>6,555.67</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities Current Liabilities Accounts Payable	
420 - Accounts Payable/OPEN/Other	442.82
Total Accounts Payable / TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>442.82</u>
Total Liabilities	442.82
EQUITY 3900 - Retained Earnings	2,836.48
Net Income	<u>3,276.37</u>
Total Equity	<u>6,112.85</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	6,555.67

FOOD SERVICES DEPT 2560 St.Sch PROFIT AND LOSS July 1997 through June 1998

Income

1500 Earning on Investments MS25pg3	
1600 Lunch Program / Items Sold INC	
Adult Lunch	4,178.65
ALACarte	7,962.01
Breakfast (PAID)	1,577.25
Breakfast (REDUCED)	83.75
Events	538.99
Ice Cream	1,814.00
Lunch Sales (PAID)	48,880.53
Lunch Sales (REDUCED)	935.25
Milk	3,872.41
Purchases	749.50
Snack Machine	<u>5,818.00</u>
Total 1600 Lunch Program / Items Sold INC	76,410.37
1990 Other LOCAL Revenue	45.94
1500 Earning on Investments MS25pg3 other ...	<u>81.31</u>
Total 1500 Earning on Investments MS25pg3 ...	76,537.62
3200 State Restr.Grant-In-Aid/MS25pg4	
3270 CHILD NUTRITION	28,971.70
Total 3200 State Restr.Grant-In-Aid/MS25pg4 ...	<u>28,971.70</u>
Total Income	105,509.32

Expense		
Payroll expenses		
114 Food Service Director Salary	<u>36,471.40</u>	
Total Payroll Expenses		36,471.40
Payroll Taxes		
230 FICA	<u>2,828.21</u>	
Total Payroll Taxes		2,828.21
320.3 Workshops - Support Staff		510.00
440 Repairs & Maintenance		881.43
513 Transportation		242.91
531 Telephone		509.96
540 Advertising - Legal Notices		72.96
580 Travel Expense		254.80
610 Supplies		1,284.72
620 Food/Milk/ Purchases		58,236.98
657 Propane Gas		390.12
740 Equipment.....		547.46
810 Dues & Fees and SBA dues		<u>2.00</u>
Total Expense		102,232.95
Net Income		<u>3,276.37</u>

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the
Fiscal year July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998

Cash on Hand July 1, 1997		84,486.83
(Treasurer's Bank Balance)		
Received from Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	4,231,219.12	
Revenue from State	484,520.09	
Revenue from Federal00	
Received from all other Sources	<u>141,101.74</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		4,856,840.95
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR		<u>4,941,327.78</u>
(balance-receipts)		
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERED PAID		<u>4,668,866.88</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1998		272,460.90
(Treasurer's Bank Balance)		

Sandra L. Pierce, *District Treasurer*

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
JULY 1, 1997 to JUNE 30, 1998

FROM WHOM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
State of N.H.	Foundation Aid	355,479.08
	Building Aid	25,840.00
	Catastrophic Aid	43,374.51
	Kindergarten Aid	25,500.00
	Medicaid Reimbursements	34,140.50
	Unemployment Compensation	186.00
Town of Strafford	Town Appropriation	4,231,219.12
Capital Reserve Fund		1,097.48
Citizen Bank	Interest	15,817.20
School Lunch Prog.	Wages	38,750.75
US Treasury	Over Payment of Taxes	705.26
Merrimack School Dist.	Tuition	5,051.79
Hampton School Dist.	Tuition	5,702.28
SAU #44	Health Deduction Reimb.	23.23
	Special Ed. & Calculators	2,158.24
	Bus Transportation	52.50
	1992-96 Workman's Comp	
	Insurance Refund	3,856.41
	Liability Ins. Refund	619.95
	Supplemental Books	69.90
	Adj. Assessment 1996-97	2,050.92
	Refund on Preschool Balance	56,274.75
School Principal Acct.	NH Retirement Refund	229.52
US Robotic	Rebate Check	100.00
Nat'l Business Inst.	Seminar Refund	159.00
SAU #74	Bus Transportation	52.50
Northwood School	Bus Transportation	52.50
Learning Company	Refund	27.83
Saxon Publishers Inc.	Refund	70.16
Lexis Law Publishing	Refund	6.00
Advance Systems Measurement & Evaluation Inc.	Substitute Reimb.	50.00
UNH	Tuition Refund	45.00
Peerless Ins. Co.	Computer Damage Ins.	1,099.00
Miscellaneous	Health Ins. Reimbursements	955.50
	Dental Ins. Reimbursements	241.56
	B/C-B/S Reimbursements	3,517.29
	Workman's Comp. Refund	46.00
	Rent	1,735.00
	Volleyball Net	48.48
	Telephone Calls	9.41
	Reimb. on New Books	47.95
	Filing Fees	7.00
	Broken Window	206.60
	Lost Books & Calculators	<u>164.78</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$4,856,840.95

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DETAILED EXPENDITURES
July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998

1100	REGULAR EDUCATION	
	Payroll	\$1,033,265.13
	Benefits	150,078.66
	Payroll Taxes	79,619.24
310	Contracted Services	11,687.00
440	Repairs & Maintenance	1,121.27
561	Tuition - Other Public Schools	75,118.19
563	Tuition - Coe-Brown	1,328,829.42
610-2	Art Supplies	2,287.88
610-5	Language - Arts, Reading Supplies	.00
610-8	Health - P.E. Supplies	479.19
610-11	Math Supplies	.00
610-12	Music Supplies	466.73
610-12-1	Instrumental Music	236.26
610-13	Science Supplies	817.90
610-15	Social Studies Supplies	5,424.93
610-18-1	Consumable Supplies	8,101.18
610-18-2	General Supplies	1,550.58
610-18-3	A.V. Supplies	.00
610-24	Testing Supplies	1,212.87
610-25	Computer Supplies	795.78
630-1	Textbooks	32,103.65
630-2	Workbooks	3,000.00
630-3	Supplemental Books	1,110.62
630-4	Reference Books	.00
640	Periodicals	.00
741.1	New Equipment	275.94
741.2	Computer Tech. Equipment	14,885.47
742	Replacement Equipment	70.88
751	New Furniture	.00
752	Replacement Furniture	.00
810	Dues & Fees	1,200.21
	TOTAL REG. ED. PROGRAMS	\$1,720,473.85
1200	SPECIAL EDUCATION	
	Payroll	\$203,953.32
	Benefits	47,627.78
	Payroll Taxes	15,177.69
310	Contracted Services:	.00
440	Repairs & Maintenance	.00
550	Printing	367.02
561	Tuition - Other Public Schools	40,761.00

563	Tuition - Coe-Brown	104,596.31
565	Tuition - Non-Public Schools	40,574.87
580	Travel	2,293.17
610-11	Math Supplies	350.00
610-15	Social Studies	175.00
610-18-2	General Supplies	852.27
610-18-3	A.V. / Printing Supplies	46.50
610-24	Testing Supplies	389.57
610-25	Computer Supplies	162.00
630-1	Textbooks	2,583.80
630-2	Workbooks	180.65
630-3	Supplemental Textbooks	247.50
630-4	Reference Books	256.78
741.1	New Equipment	.00
742	Replace Equipment	.00
810	Dues and Fees	.00
TOTAL SPEC. ED. PROGRAMS		\$256,641.91

1400	CO-CURRICULAR	
	Payroll	\$ 16,936.22
	Benefits	795.57
	Payroll Taxes	755.06
310-1	Contracted Services / Kindergarten	63,036.00
390	Umps - Refs	1,140.00
440	Repairs - Maintenance	150.00
610-8	Athletic Supplies	866.49
610-18	Co-curricula supplies	527.76
610-20	Enrichment supplies	486.62
810	Dues & Fees	250.00
TOTAL CO-CURRICULAR		\$67,252.44

2110	ATTENDANCE	
310-20	Truant Officer	\$ 250.00

2120	GUIDANCE	
	Payroll	\$ 38,797.20
	Benefits	5,252.88
	Payroll Taxes	2,622.40
310	Cont. Serv. - Testing	.00
610	Supplies	.00
630	Books	46.54
TOTAL GUIDANCE		\$ 46,719.02

2130	HEALTH SERVICES	
	Payroll	\$ 23,754.00
	Benefits	4,421.94
	Payroll Taxes	1,817.31
310-2	Staff Physicals	.00
310-3	Contracted Services	86.00
440	Repairs & Maintenance	88.00
580	Travel	.00
610	Supplies	755.09
630	Textbooks	109.95
741.1	New Equipment	.00
	TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 31,032.39

2140	SPECIAL CONT. SERVICES	
310-1-1	SLC Membership	\$ 3,800.50
310-1-2	Cost of Medicaid Administration	5,314.66
310-2	Occupational Therapy	18,946.22
310-3	Physical Therapy	10,356.00
310-4	Pre-school Diag. Unit	8,083.19
	TOTAL SPECIAL CONT. SERVICES	\$ 46,500.57

2150	SPEECH SERVICES	
	Payroll	\$ 49,538.48
	Benefits	8,802.48
	Payroll Taxes	3,740.91
610	Supplies	367.51
610-24	Speech Testing	656.43
741.1	New Equipment	309.50
	TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES	\$ 63,415.31

2210	IMPROV. OF INST.	
112-1	Curriculum Development	\$ 4,238.36
270-1	Tuition Reimbursement	9,457.00
270-2	Tuition - Support Staff	204.00
320-1	In-Service Training	2,001.18
320-2	Staff Dev. Wkshps.	4,911.75
320-3	Workshops - Support Staff	2,312.00
320-4	Staff Development Stipend	660.00
630	Professional Books	456.22
	TOTAL IMPROV. OF INST.	\$ 24,240.51

2220	LIBRARY & ED. MEDIA	
	Payroll	\$ 25,383.00
	Benefits	7,356.96
	Payroll Taxes	1,816.53

2220 LIBRARY & ED. MEDIA

310	Contr. Serv. - Educ. T.V.	1,500.00
610-18-2	General Supplies	350.20
610-18-3	A.V. Supplies	1,214.39
610-2	Computer Software	5,829.28
630	Library Books	5,113.72
640	Periodicals	1,391.42
741	New Equipment	.00
742	Replacement Equipment	.00
TOTAL LIBRARY & ED. MEDIA		\$ 49,955.50

2310 SCHOOL BOARD

110-1	School Board Salaries	\$ 1,900.00
110-2	Moderator	.00
110-3	Treasurer	1,500.00
110-4	Clerk	250.00
110.6	Secretary	1,147.50
230	FICA	367.01
310	Audit	2,650.00
390	Attorney & Negotiator	1,576.11
540	Advertising - Legal Notices	2,523.44
590	Other Expenses	1,018.84
810	Dues & Fees - SBA	2,596.67
TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD		\$ 15,529.57

2320 S.A.U. #44

	Expenses - SAU	\$ 99,940.05
TOTAL S.A.U. #44		\$ 99,940.05

2410 OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

	Payroll	\$ 130,620.00
	Benefits	16,300.68
	Payroll Taxes	10,205.41
310	Contracted Services	5,262.52
440	Repairs & Maintenance	2,500.00
531	Telephone	6,389.68
532	Postage	1,616.40
550	Printing	2,474.98
580	Travel	57.01
610-18-2	Supplies & Forms	431.78
610-25	Comp. Soft. Supplies	.00
741	New Equipment	.00
742	Replace Equipment	35.00

2410	OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	
810	Dues & Fees	1,044.00
890	Graduation Expenses	1,071.15
TOTAL	PRINCIPAL OFFICE EXP.	\$ 178,008.61

2520	BOOKKEEPER	
	Payroll	\$ 21,000.00
	Benefits	2,086.09
	Payroll Taxes	1,683.04
440	Repairs	.00
532	Postage	637.63
580	Travel	.00
610	Supplies	1,542.53
TOTAL	BOOKKEEPER EXP.	\$ 26,949.29

2450	OPERATION OF PLANT	
	Payroll	\$ 77,009.25
	Benefits	18,858.22
	Payroll Taxes	5,619.56
310-1	Rubbish Removal	3,913.57
310-3	Septic Tank-Main.	4,760.65
310-4	Fire Alarm Ser.	655.20
310-5	Clock & Bell Ser.	.00
310-6	Water Testing	1,525.00
310-7	Laundry & Dry Cleaning	147.00
440-2	Rep. & Main. - Heating	9,373.07
440-3	Rep. & Main. - Equipment	1,635.26
440-4	Rep. & Main. - Furn. & Fix.	4,251.94
440-5	Rep. & Main. - Grounds	14,667.01
440-6	Rep. & Main. - Building	3,381.81
440-6-1	Warrant Article #6 - Fields	.00
520	Insurance	9,962.90
580	Travel	249.36
610-1	General Supplies	9,017.88
610-2	Glass Supplies	505.40
610-3	Lumber Supplies	783.73
610-4	Hardware Supplies	1,069.96
610-5	Electrical Supplies	1,018.91
652	Electricity	31,869.76
653	Fuel Oil	14,009.81
657	Propane Gas	4,595.46
741.1	New Equipment	805.64
742	Replacement Equipment	600.00
752	Replacement Furniture	.00
TOTAL	OPERATION OF PLANT	\$ 220,286.35

2550	TRANSPORTATION	
513-1	Elementary	\$ 180,720.00
513-3	Athletic	1,683.60
513-4	High School	.00
513-5	Special Education	59,521.11
513-6	Field Trip	2,771.00
513-8	Winter Activity Transport.	.00
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION		\$ 244,695.71

2900	INS., COMP., RET.	
211	Health Ins. Fee	\$ 247.34
212	Dental Ins. Fee	187.50
213	Life Ins. Admin. Fee	60.00
214-1	Worker's Compensation	13,210.59
214-2	Unemployment Comp.	27.36
TOTAL INS., COMP., RET.		\$ 13,732.79

5100	DEBT SERVICE	
830	Payment of Principal	\$ 85,000.00
840	Payment of Interest	43,350.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		\$ 128,350.00

BUDGET SUMMARY:

1100	REGULAR EDUCATION	\$ 1,720,473.85
1200	SPECIAL EDUCATION	256,641.91
1400	CO-CURRICULAR	67,252.44
2110	TRUANT OFFICER	250.00
2120	GUIDANCE	46,719.02
2130	HEALTH SERVICES	31,032.29
2140	SPEC. CONT. SERVICES	46,500.57
2150	SPEECH SERVICES	63,415.31
2110	IMPROV. OF INST.	24,240.51
2220	LIBRARY & ED. MEDIA	49,955.50
2310	SCHOOL BOARD	15,529.57
2320	S.A.U. #44	99,940.05
2410	PRINCIPAL	178,008.61
2520	BOOKKEEPER	26,949.29
2540	OPERATION OF PLANT	220,286.35
2550	TRANSPORTATION	224,695.71
2900	INS., COMP., RET.	13,732.79
5100	DEBT SERVICE	128,350.00

SUMMARY TOTAL	\$ 3,233,973.77
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2560	FOOD SERVICE	
	Cost of employment	\$ 39,299.61
320	Education	510.00
440	Repairs to Equipment	881.43
531	Telephone	509.96
540	Advertising	72.96
580	Transportation	497.71
590	Other Expenses	.00
610	Supplies	1,284.72
620	Food and Milk	58,236.98
657	Propane Gas	390.12
741	Equipment	547.46
810	Dues & Fees	2.00
FOOD SERVICE		\$ 102,232.95

SCHOOL SALARIES
(Included in the Detailed Expenditures Section)

Janet Abbott	\$ 38,356.00
Cecil Abels	3,496.88
Irene Abels	23,429.00
Corinne Allaire	100.00
Tracy Archer	6,968.75
Sarah C. Ash	300.00
Daniel Baker	43,500.00
Charlotte M. Berry	325.00
Pricilla Bowlen	37,791.00
Georgeanne Briggs	5,974.54
Joanne E. Brintnall	1,020.80
Melissa Broadbent	9,039.64
Dorothy Buzinski	4,344.76
Kim Castagna	39,298.00
Steven Colby	27,562.00
Robert L. Cole	2,050.01
Julie Colligan	14,193.00
Ken Cook	16,715.45
Anne Cullen	14,530.00
Donna Darnell	1,425.00
Kathy Demers	38,356.00
Audrey Dolan	29,196.90
Maureen Dolen	7,508.97
Cynthia Duffy	6,725.00
Jennifer Edgerly	36,287.00
Michael J. Felber	36,386.00
Jennifer R. Fletcher	525.00

SCHOOL SALARIES

Allan K. Gahm	34,319.00
Eric J. Gale	21,757.60
John C. Gale	346.50
Kathryn M. Gale	2,594.46
Roxanne M. Gale	100.00
Amy E. Gelinas	3,708.00
Ann W. Graham	1,525.00
Kelly Hall	425.00
Linda J. R. Hartmann	34,319.00
Noel H. Hastings	19,121.44
Laura A. Hebert	11,967.00
Renee D. Hebert	231.25
Darla M. Higgins	37,609.00
Leo C. Howard	17,796.00
Josh A. Jensich	870.00
Richard A. Jenisch	57,198.00
Margaret J. Johnson	3,963.40
Susan B. Johnson	12,182.48
Richard J. Kaufman	24,604.20
Michael Kelley	4,597.50
Susan Killingsworth	300.00
Robyn T. Krasko	35,919.00
Marlean L. Laflamme	9,703.21
Nancy L. Lake	37,791.00
Jane Laurion	250.00
R. Stephen Leighton	700.00
Julia Lightner	13,012.00
Carol A. Lord	18,392.00
Patricia M. Lucas	7,010.38
Jacqueline MacNevin	352.00
Elizabeth T. Mason	37,287.00
Rondi McCullough-Boyer	4,139.52
Judith McGann	5,000.00
Colleen D. McMahon	9,781.08
Kelley R. Mitchell	150.00
Francis R. Morris	28,780.00
Robin A. Morris	175.00
David R. Nix	36,386.00
A.P. Olson	600.00
Bruce Patrick	600.00
Christine A. Perreault	21,683.26
Sandra L. Pierce	1,500.00
Maryellen Plante	37,612.00
Carrolle Popovich	1,397.50

SCHOOL SALARIES

Marueen D. Rice	\$ 872.81
Michael A. Richard	687.50
Claudia Renee Rivard	25.00
Karen E. Roberto	12,447.84
Laurel Rodier	21,134.00
Walter T. Sagan	42,101.50
Cheryl A. Sager	1,662.50
Maureen Sawicki	34,848.00
Shani A. Scarponi	24,556.50
Maria Sheppard	29,197.00
Jennifer S. Sienko	22,000.00
Sharon Silva	25,058.00
Jennifer Snow	34,190.85
Diane St. Germain	41,007.00
Mary Lou Stano	38,791.00
Wayne B. Stuck	36,837.00
Susan J. Tanguay	39,023.00
Hazel M. Turmelle	5,344.65
Roger P. Turmelle	1,131.26
Allen Unrein	32,062.00
Jane M. Vachon	1,925.00
Lynda D. Vogt	34,819.00
Debra Vonkahle	859.11
Nancy J. VonWahlde	31,885.00
Kristine B. Vulner	3,590.92
Cindy Walfield	6,552.00
Rosena C. Weaver	100.00
Jennifer Wheat	4,559.36
Judith L. Whitcher	6,520.80
Rebecca Whitcher	1,525.00
Susan M. Williams	28,215.00
Jennifer E. Wright	36,336.00
Patricia A. Young	43,200.00

These figures include all stipend and insurance buy-out payments.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND 1997/1998

Capital Reserve Fund Balance as of
June 30, 1998

\$76,696.20

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL
BALANCE SHEET
As of June 30, 1998**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	
100-Cash/ckbk	<u>272,592.55</u>
Total Checking/Savings	272,592.55

Accounts Receivable

150 - Accounts Receivable/OPEN/Other	<u>28,529.86</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	28,529.86

Other Current Assets

180 - Pre-paid Expenses	<u>618.35</u>
Total Other Current Assets	618.35

Total Current Assets	301,740.76
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TOTAL ASSETS	301,740.76
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

420 - Accounts Payable/OPEN/Other	<u>42,298.61</u>
Total Accounts Payable	42,298.61

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	42,298.61
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	42,298.61
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EQUITY

3900 - Retained Earnings	41,561.01
Net Income	<u>217,881.14</u>
Total Equity	<u>259,442.15</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	301,740.76
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**STRAFFORD SCHOOL
PROFIT AND LOSS
July 1997 through June 1998**

INCOME

1000 - REV. from LOCAL SOURCES/MS25pg2		
1100 - TAXES revenue		
1121 - Current Appropriation/Revenue	4,231,219.12	
TOTAL 1100 - TAXES Revenue		4,231,219.12
1300 - TUITION Income		
1311 - RDS Purpis	6,953.69	
Total 1300 - TUITION Income		6,953.69
1500 - Interest Earning on Investments		
1910 - Rentals	1,755.00	
1990 - OTHER/MISC Local Revenue		
1992 - Retiree's Health Ins. Reimbsmt	.00	
1990 - OTHER/MISC Local Revenue - Other	2,956.50	
Total 1990 - OTHER/MISC Local Revenue ..	2,956.50	
1500 - Interest Earning on Investments - other	15,817.20	
Total 1500 - Interest Earning on Investments		<u>20,528.70</u>
Total 1000 REV. from LOCAL SOURCES/MS25pg2		4,258,701.51
3100 - UNRESTRICTED Grants-In Aid		
3110 - Foundation Aid/Unrestricted	355,479.08	
3190 - OTHER/Rev. From ST./Medic/unres	<u>.00</u>	
TOTAL 3100 UNRESTRICTED Grants-In Aid		355,479.08
3200 - RESTRICTED Grants-in Aid STATE ..		
3210 - School BLDG Aid/restricted GIA ...	25,840.00	
3240 - Catastrophic Aid/Voc ScAid/Rest ..	43,374.51	
3291 - Kindergarten	<u>25,500.00</u>	
TOTAL 3200 - RESTRICTED Grants-In Aid STATE		94,714.51
5250 - Xfer in from Capital Reserve		<u>1,097.48</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>4,709,992.58</u>
GROSS PROFIT		4,709,992.58

EXPENSES

PAYROLL EXPENSES

110	Gross Wages / Teacher Salaries	1,204,044.13	
110.1	Principal/Athletic/SB/HCust Sal	85,745.60	
110.2	Enrichment/SBMod/Cust.Salaries	97,596.89	
110.3	CoCurr/SBTreasurer Salaries	20,227.00	
110.4	E.Curr/Sec/SB Clerk Salaries	22,827.22	
110.6	School Board Secretary	1,147.50	
110.9	Ins. buy back	18,500.00	
112	Nurse Salaries	25,058.00	
114	Aides Wages/Tech.Tech+Sp.Ed	92,617.54	
114.1	Dir. of Technology Salary	27,780.00	
114.2	Tech Aide	10,192.00	
115	Lunch Room Monitor	2,083.92	
120	Substitute Nurse/Sec./Cust./OT	325.00	
122	Substitutes & Ovtm Salaries	34,220.43	
129	Summer School	<u>846.37</u>	
	TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES.....		1,643,211.60

PAYROLL/EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

211	Health Insurance Exp	131,667.42	
211.1	Health Ins. (CERTIFIED)	12,355.68	
211.1.1	Health Insurance (Principal)	7,268.05	
211.2	Health Ins. (NON-Certified)	23,968.68	
212	Dental Insurance Exps	8,464.45	
212.1.1	Dental Ins. (Principal)	776.79	
212.1.2	Dental Ins. (Assist. Principal)	238.29	
213	Life Insurance Expenses	3,372.96	
213.1	Life Ins. (CERTIFIED)	100.80	
213.1.1	Life Ins. (Principal)	100.80	
213.1.2	Life Ins. (Assist. Principal)	100.80	
222	Retirement (403(b) Co.Exp.	8,172.83	
222.1	Retirement (CERT.)	36,018.36	
222.1.1	Retirement (Principal)	1,917.07	
222.1.2	Retirement (Assist. Principal)	1,455.01	
222.2	Retirement (NON-Cert)	6,802.54	
230	FICA	<u>123,464.67</u>	
	TOTAL PAYROLL/EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		366,245.20

112.1	Curriculum Development	5,238.36	
123	Tutors	342.50	
214.1	Worker's Compensation	13,210.59	
214.2	Unemployment comp. fund	27.36	
270.1	Tuition REIMBUREMENT	9,457.00	
270.2	Tuition SUPPORT SAFF	204.00	
310	Cont. Srv/SpEnv/Tstng/EdTV/Audt	21,099.52	
310.1	SLC Memb./Sp.Cont.Srv/RUBBISH	66,949.57	
310.1.	Straff. Learn. Ctr. Membership	3,800.50	
310.1.2	Medicaid Admi. Fees	5,314.66	
310.2	Staff Physicals/Contracted OT	19,196.22	

310.3	Cont.Serv./Health/Septic Tank	15,202.65
310.4	Pre-SchDiag/SpCont/FIRE ALARMS	8,738.39
310.6	Water Testing	1,525.00
310.7	Laundry & Dry Cleaning	147.00
320.1	In Service Training	847.03
320.2	Staff Development Workshops	4,911.75
320.3	Workshops - Support Staff	2,312.00
320.4	Staff Development STIPEND	660.00
390	UMPs-REFs/Attorney&Negotiator	2,716.11
440	Repairs & Maintenance	3,859.27
440.2	R&M = Heating	9,373.07
440.3	R&M = Equipment	1,635.26
440.4	R&M = Furn & Fixtures	4,251.94
440.5	R&M = Grounds	14,667.01
440.6	R&M = Building	3,381.81
440.6.1	Warrant Article Building Repair	3,983.00
513.1	Transportation/ELEMENTARY	180,720.00
513.3	Transportation/Athletic	1,683.60
513.5	Transportation/Spec.Education	59,521.11
513.6	Transportation/Field Trip	2,771.00
520	Insurance	9,962.90
531	Telephone	6,389.68
532	Postage	2,254.03
540	Advertising - Legal Notices	2,523.44
550	Printing	2,842.00
561	TUITION - Other Public Schools	115,879.19
563	TUITION - Coe-Brown	1,433,425.73
565	TUITION - Non-Public Schools	40,574.87
580	Travel	2,599.54
590	Other Expenses	1,018.84
610	Supplies	2,665.13
610.1	General Supplies/Plant O&M	9,017.88
610.11	Math Supplies	350.00
610.12	Music Supplies	466.73
610.121	Instrumental Music	236.26
610.13	Science Supplies	817.90
610.15	Social Studies Supplies	5,750.58
610.18	Co-Curricula Supplies	527.76
610.181	Consumable Supplies	8,101.18
610.182	General Supplies	3,184.83
610.183	A.V. Supplies/Printing Supplies	1,260.89
610.2	Art Supplies/Glass Supp Op&Main	2,793.28
610.20	Enrichment Supplies	486.62
610.24	Testing Supplies	2,258.87
610.25	Computer Supplies	957.78
610.26	Computer Software	5,829.28
610.3	Lumber Supplies/Plant O&M	783.73
610.4	Hardware Supplies/Plant O&M	1,069.96
610.5	Lang.Art/Read/Electric Supplies	1,018.91
610.8	Health -P.E./ATHLETIC Supplies	1,345.68

630	Books/Professional/Library	5,729.93
630.1	Textbooks	34,687.45
630.2	Workbooks	3,180.65
630.3	Supplemental Books	1,358.12
630.4	Reference Books	256.78
640	Periodicals	1,391.42
652	Electricity	31,869.76
653	Fuel Oil	14,009.81
657	Propane Gas	4,595.46
741.1	NEW Equipment	1,391.08
741.2	Computer Tech.Equipment	14,885.47
742	REPLACEMENT Equipment	705.88
810	Dues & Fees/SAUexp/SBADues	105,030.93
830	Payment of PRINCIPAL	85,000.00
840	Payment of INTEREST	43,350.00
890	Graduation Expenses/other	1,071.15
TOTAL EXPENSE		4,492,111.44
NET INCOME		217,881.14

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT 1998

SAU #44 serves Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I submit my first report as Superintendent of SAU #44. Originally from New Jersey, my relocation to New Hampshire following 25 years as teacher, graduate student and administrator in New York State represents the realization of a personal goal to live and work in this area of the country. Summer vacations for most of the past dozen years were spent in North Hampton, and as a youth, family vacations were enjoyed in Old Orchard Beach or Lake Winnepesaukee which I now of course refer to as the "big lake". Despite what my accent may betray, I have always considered myself a New Englander by desire and feel very much at home here. I have also been made to feel welcome by virtually everyone I have met, which is deeply appreciated.

I have brought with me a belief in and commitment to a rather concise mission for the public schools. I feel very strongly that our responsibility is to provide our students with fond memories of their time spent with us and to have them leave us with the willingness to dream dreams and the abilities to realize these dreams.

Our students must be able to reflect on their time with us and be able to say, without hesitation, that this was a good chapter in their lives. A chapter during which they were treated with dignity, were encouraged and helped to learn and to remain enthusiastic about learning, and were enabled to grow from a young child into a confident young adult.

At the same time we must provide our students with the knowledge, skills and abilities to pursue and to attain their dreams for success and happiness. Our students must graduate as independent learners able to acquire, use and communicate information with high levels of competence. We must have in place a curriculum which is focused on these outcomes, a strong instructional program which incorporates high expectations and an understanding that there are differences in the way we learn, and a regimen of valid, continued assessment to measure and report progress.

It is this belief that influences my direction as an instructional leader, guides my decisions and continues to convince me that public schools which provide quality education are the most important investment we can make in our youth and in our future.

In closing I would like to express my appreciation to Dick Steudle for his work as last year's interim superintendent and especially to the members of the SAU Boards for their constant support during my transition. It is through their commitment and forward thinking that I have inherited an SAU that has sufficient resources to provide quality service and colleagues whose talent and dedication make them a pleasure to work with and a joy to be with.

I look forward to a lengthy, fulfilling and productive term as your superintendent during which we will work together to store some memories and realize some dreams.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry C. Fensom, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent

**Strafford School District
Principal's Report
1998 - 1999**

This is a critical time for public education in New Hampshire as our political leaders debate how to respond to the Supreme Court mandate to change the way public schools are funded. There is no easy solution to this issue and Strafford will have to watch closely as elected officials consider the options. Our Town can certainly be proud of its commitment to public education. Support within the community for our schools has been consistently strong. The citizens of Strafford have debated the issues placed before them and have made sound educational decisions. Although sometimes controversial and difficult, the Town has demonstrated that local control can work. Our community should not let the debate over school funding diminish the involvement and commitment to local decision making that has long existed in Strafford. The resolution to the school funding issue will no doubt impact in some significant way on our school and on our community but, no matter what the decision turns out to be, we must never overlook our responsibility as citizens to our local schools and to our students.

School improvement initiatives at Strafford School continue. In addition to curriculum work in all core subject areas, the school has received a Goals 2000 grant which will provide for further analysis of New Hampshire Education Improvement and Assessment Program test scores, teacher training in instructional strategies, curriculum development and alignment, and the development of additional assessment tools for each grade level in math and language arts. The analysis of student test scores will identify areas of strength and weakness in student knowledge, skill development and application strategies. Training programs for staff will be designed in response to the needs identified by the test scores and will provide for improved instructional techniques and increased accountability. Alternative assessment tools will be further developed to determine grade level student performance. Educational resources, including the integration of technology, will be examined to identify their relevance and effectiveness in meeting identified student needs.

Teams from Strafford School are participating this year in a variety of workshops sponsored by the N.H. State Department of Education and Advanced Systems of Dover, N.H. authors of NHEIAP testing program. Data analysis, effective instructional practices, framework alignment, writing assessment and other topics are being explored during multiple workshop sessions. In addition, on-site training is being provided for staff in language arts, reading, science, substance abuse education and the integration of technology. A training institute for staff is being planned for this summer which will provide further training in many of the above referenced areas.

In an effort to determine the public's attitude toward education here in Strafford, comprehensive surveys have been distributed to parents, students, and former

students. The results of these surveys will be published after being reviewed by the Strafford School Community Advisory. Data will be used for planning purposes and to pinpoint the changes that need to be made to make our school as responsive as it can be to student needs and the wishes of the community.

School and school board committees are currently examining space utilization and building issues, food service, kindergarten alternatives, capital improvements, policies, teacher contracts, budget, school safety and security, and other school related issues. The work of staff, administration, board members, volunteers, and our new SAU business administrator and Superintendent on behalf of the district is significant and will certainly ensure that our school continues to strive for excellence.

As I walk through the halls of our school and interact with students and staff, I feel a real sense of pride. Pride in our students, in the quality and commitment of our staff, and pride in what we have accomplished and the direction the school is currently taking. At the same time, I feel a sense of uncertainty knowing that the expectations for behavior and performance we are maintaining and building upon are compromised and questioned more and more frequently both within and outside the school. Disruptive and unsafe behaviors, disrespect, violence, conflict, irresponsibility, harassment, etc. are all more prevalent today than they were just a few years ago. These issues present real difficulties for us as a school, for parents, and for our community. The development of values, character, and a love of and commitment to learning cannot be just the school's responsibility. They require the attention and effort of the entire community. That is the ultimate challenge for all of us.

On behalf of Mr. Baker, Assistant Principal, and the staff of Strafford School, I ask for your continued confidence in us as educators, as individuals, and as agents for educational reform. It is truly a privilege to be associated with such a fine school and community.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Jenisch
Principal

MATHEMATICS RESULTS

District: STRAFFORD
Grade: END-OF-GRADE THREE
Date: MAY 1998

Proficiency Levels		Students at Each Proficiency Level			
		School		District	State
		N	%	N	%
Advanced: Students at this level are able to solve problems and communicate their answers and problem-solving strategies clearly and concisely. They can add, subtract, multiply, and divide whole numbers and decimals and can add and subtract decimals in everyday situations. They are able to make estimations; use models to demonstrate mathematical concepts; draw conclusions from information presented in charts and graphs; identify, classify, and compare geometric objects; measure accurately; construct simple charts and graphs; and recognize, describe, extend and create a variety of patterns.	1995-96			7	11
	1996-97			5	9
	1997-98			8	13
	Cumulative Average			7	10
Pficient: Students at this level are able to estimate and compute solutions to problems and communicate their understanding of mathematics. They can, with reasonable accuracy, add 3-digit whole numbers; subtract any two 2-digit numbers; and multiply whole numbers up to 5. They are able to: demonstrate an understanding of place value as well as the relationship between simple fractions and decimals; read charts and graphs; make measurements; and recognize and extend patterns.	1995-96			14	22
	1996-97			17	30
	1997-98			31	44
	Cumulative Average			21	32
Basic: Students at this level are able to multiply whole numbers up to 5 with reasonable accuracy. They can add and subtract 1-digit whole numbers with ease. When adding or subtracting 2-digit whole numbers, regrouping (borrowing and carrying) presents a challenge. They demonstrate a rudimentary understanding of place value, fractional parts, geometry, and measurement. They can recognize and extend simple patterns and read uncomplicated charts and graphs. They demonstrate limited skill in the application of mathematics to problem-solving situations.	1995-96			37	57
	1996-97			27	48
	1997-98			26	37
	Cumulative Average			30	47
Novice: Students at this level are able to add and subtract 1- and 2-digit whole numbers without regrouping (borrowing and carrying). However, they frequently make errors in these computations. They can recite whole-number multiplication facts up to 5. Although they have some knowledge of place value, fractions, geometry, and measurement, their understanding of these areas is extremely limited. They are unable to demonstrate the application of mathematical skills to problem-solving situations.	1995-96			6	9
	1996-97			7	13
	1997-98			5	7
	Cumulative Average			6	10
Students Not Included in the Report:	1995-96			1	2
	1996-97			0	0
	1997-98			0	0
	Cumulative Average			0	1

Content Diagnostic Display

Total Possible Points	Subtopic	Subtopic Deviation from School/District Total Score (Based on Percent Correct Adjusted for Item Difficulty)	
		Total Score	Standard Score
56	Curriculum Goals 1 & 2 problem solving/reasoning/communication/connections	1	
49	Curriculum Goal 3 numbers/numeration/operations/number theory	-1	
31	Curriculum Goal 4 geometry/measurement/trigonometry	-5	
44	Curriculum Goals 5, 6, 7, & 8 data analysis/statistics/probability/functions/relations/algebra/mathematics of change/discrete mathematics	1	



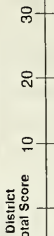
Educational Improvement and
Assessment Program

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS RESULTS

DISTRICT: STRATFORD
Grade: END-OF-GRADE THREE
Date: MAY 1998

	Proficiency Levels	Students at Each Proficiency Level					
		School		District		State	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Advanced: Students at this level demonstrate a thorough comprehension of the materials they read, hear, and view. They are able to identify main and subordinate ideas, supporting details, and facts. They use comparisons and predictions to increase their level of understanding. They can draw conclusions and make critical judgments. Their responses are detailed and reflect careful thought. When writing, they communicate clearly and effectively. They can organize ideas, develop a topic, add supporting detail, and vary both sentence structure and vocabulary. They make few, if any, mechanical errors.		1995-96	4	6	4	1995-96	4
		1996-97	6	11	5	1996-97	5
		1997-98	2	3	4	1997-98	4
		Cumulative	4	7	4	Cumulative	4
Pficient: Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of the materials they read, hear, and view. They are able to identify main ideas and draw conclusions. Their responses show thought and are supported with some detail. When writing, they communicate competently and are able to adequately develop and support their ideas. Although they demonstrate a firm grounding in the mechanics of written expression, they may make some errors in spelling and grammar. However, these do not interfere with a reader's ability to understand the text.		1995-96	24	37	25	1995-96	25
		1996-97	12	18	26	1996-97	26
		1997-98	18	28	23	1997-98	23
		Cumulative	18	28	23	Cumulative	23
Basic: Students at this level are able to determine the literal meaning of the materials they read, hear, and view. They can identify and use main ideas and make direct comparisons. Their responses are sometimes incomplete and are supported with few details. When writing, they communicate at a rudimentary level. Although they employ both simple and more-complex sentences, overall their work shows elementary organization, development, and use of detail. While they demonstrate a fundamental control of mechanics, they may make errors in spelling and grammar.		1995-96	25	38	45	1995-96	45
		1996-97	31	55	42	1996-97	42
		1997-98	30	43	45	1997-98	45
		Cumulative	28	45	44	Cumulative	44
Novice: Students at this level are at the beginning of their literacy development. They extract limited meaning from what they read, hear, and view. When writing, they may be able to locate major details, they are often unable to identify clearly-stated main ideas, and they have difficulty communicating. While it may be related to the point they are trying to make, their written work is minimal and shows little organization, development, or use of detail. Errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and grammar may interfere with a reader's ability to understand the text.		1995-96	11	17	21	1995-96	21
		1996-97	7	13	24	1996-97	24
		1997-98	19	27	28	1997-98	28
		Cumulative	12	19	24	Cumulative	24
Students Not Included in the Report:		1995-96	1	2	5	1995-96	5
		1996-97	0	0	5	1996-97	5
		1997-98	1	1	4	1997-98	4
		Cumulative	1	1	5	Cumulative	5

Content Diagnostic Display		
Total Possible Points	Subtopic	Subtopic Deviation from School/District Total Score (Based on Percent Correct Adjusted for Item Difficulty)
160	Reading and Literature	1
79	literary/narrative	-5
40	content/informational	5
41	practical	7
11	Listening/Viewing	6
92	Writing (weighted)	-1





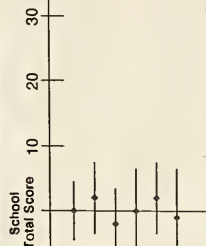
Educational Improvement and Assessment Program

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS RESULTS

School: STRAFFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
District: STRAFFORD
Grade: END-OF-GRADE SIX
Date: MAY 1998

	Proficiency Levels	Students at Each Proficiency Level					
		School			District		
		N	%	N	%	%	%
<p>Advanced: Students at this level demonstrate a thorough understanding of literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They extract main and subordinate ideas, supporting details, and information from materials they read, hear, and view. They draw conclusions, make critical judgments, and develop meaningful connections between and among ideas and concepts. They learn to support their inferences and interpretations. Their writing is clear, effective, and informative. They may develop a topic, add supporting details, and vary both sentence structure and vocabulary. They make few, if any, mechanical errors.</p>	1995-96	2	3	2	3	1	3
	1996-97	2	3	1	2	2	2
	1997-98	2	3	2	3	2	2
	Cumulative Average	1	2	1	2	2	2
<p>Proficient: Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They extract main ideas, analyze text, evaluate and organize information, draw conclusions, and make inferences and interpretations. They critically evaluate materials they read, hear, and view. They effectively organize, develop, and support ideas so that a reader can easily understand the intent of their writing. They demonstrate a firm grounding in the mechanics of written expression; however, they may still make some errors.</p>	1995-96	6	10	6	10	15	15
	1996-97	12	20	12	20	18	18
	1997-98	12	20	12	20	14	14
	Cumulative Average	10	17	10	17	15	15
<p>Basic: Students at this level demonstrate a reasonable understanding of literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They extract main ideas and identify supporting details. They gather information from materials they read, hear, and view and use it to make obvious conclusions. Their responses often include appropriate examples. They employ sufficient organization, development, and support of ideas to satisfactorily communicate the intent of their writing. While they demonstrate a fundamental control of the mechanics of written expression, they may make errors in spelling, capitalization, grammar, and/or punctuation.</p>	1995-96	25	41	25	41	38	38
	1996-97	24	39	24	39	39	39
	1997-98	18	30	18	30	40	40
	Cumulative Average	22	37	22	37	39	39
<p>Novice: Students at this level demonstrate some understanding of literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They recognize clearly-stated topics and details in materials they read, hear, and view. For the most part, their responses are literal. Their writing shows limited organization, development, and use of detail. Errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and/or grammar may interfere with a reader's ability to understand the text.</p>	1995-96	27	44	27	44	42	42
	1996-97	23	38	23	38	40	40
	1997-98	27	45	27	45	42	42
	Cumulative Average	26	42	26	42	41	41
Students Not Included in the Report:	1995-96	1	2	1	2	3	3
	1996-97	2	3	2	3	3	3
	1997-98	1	2	1	2	3	3
	Cumulative Average	1	2	1	2	3	3

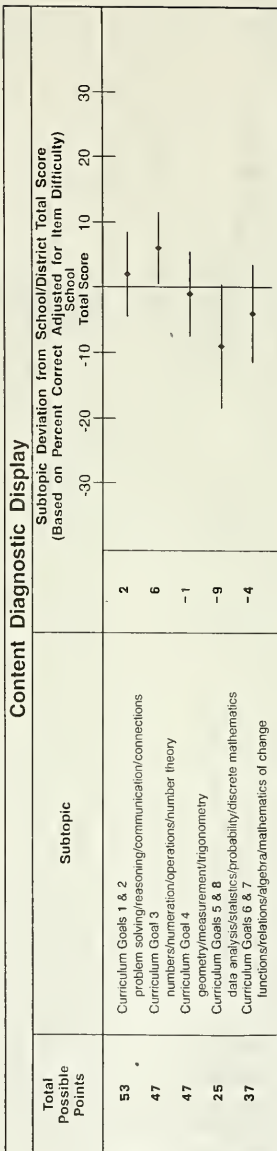
Content Diagnostic Display		
Total Possible Points	Subtopic	Subtopic Deviation from School/District Total Score (Based on Percent Correct Adjusted for Item Difficulty)
163	Reading and Literature	0
68	literary/narrative	2
53	content/informational	-2
42	practical	0
11	Listening/Viewing	2
75	Writing (weighted)	-1



MATHEMATICS RESULTS

School: STRATFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
District: STRATFORD
Grade: END-OF-GRADE SIX
Date: MAY 1998

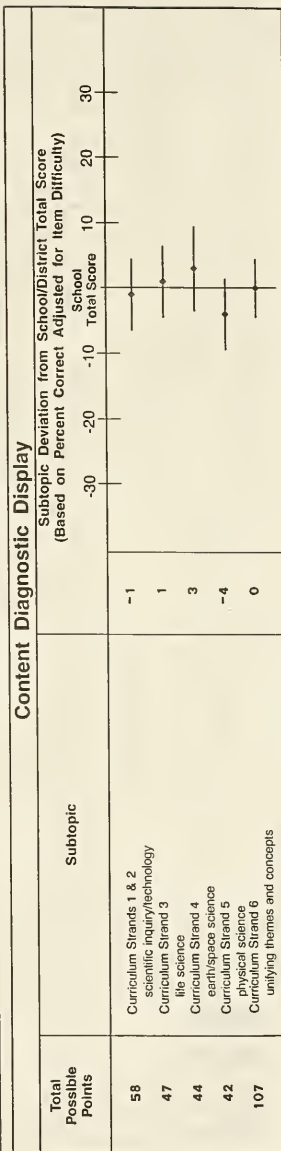
	Proficiency Levels	Students at Each Proficiency Level					
		School		District		State	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Advanced: Students at this level demonstrate a thorough understanding of mathematical concepts and skills. They are able to use both physical and conceptual models, make connections between and among concepts, and use estimation to monitor the reasonableness of their work. Their mathematical reasoning and problem solving is systematic, direct, and thorough. They employ numbers, graphs, diagrams, examples, and generalizations to explain their conclusions and problem-solving strategies clearly and concisely.	1995-96	0	0	0	0	1	1
	1996-97	2	3	2	3	0	0
	1997-98	1	2	1	2	1	1
	Cumulative Average	1	2	1	2	1	1
Proficient: Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of mathematical concepts and skills. They make few, if any, errors in computation. They use tables and graphs to organize, present, and interpret data. They employ appropriate strategies to solve a wide range of problems. They clearly communicate their solutions and problem-solving strategies.	1995-96	8	13	8	13	11	11
	1996-97	11	18	11	18	10	10
	1997-98	12	20	12	20	13	13
	Cumulative Average	10	17	10	17	11	11
Basic: Students at this level demonstrate a reasonable understanding of fractions, geometry, measurement, and probability and statistics. They accurately perform computations with whole numbers and decimals. They can read and construct graphs. They apply their mathematical knowledge and skills in addressing everyday situations and solving straightforward problems. They adequately communicate their solutions and problem-solving strategies.	1995-96	18	30	18	30	27	27
	1996-97	22	36	22	36	33	33
	1997-98	24	40	24	40	32	32
	Cumulative Average	21	35	21	35	31	31
Novice: Students at this level demonstrate some understanding of fractions, decimals, geometry, measurement, and probability and statistics. They add, subtract, multiply, and divide whole numbers with a fair degree of accuracy. They can obtain information from graphs. They display a limited ability to use their mathematical knowledge and skills to solve problems. Their explanations of their answers are brief and incomplete.	1995-96	34	56	34	56	59	59
	1996-97	26	43	26	43	55	55
	1997-98	22	37	22	37	52	52
	Cumulative Average	27	45	27	45	55	55
Students Not Included in the Report:		1995-96	1	2	1	2	2
		1996-97	0	0	0	0	0
		1997-98	1	2	1	2	2
		Cumulative Average	1	1	1	1	2



SCIENCE RESULTS

School: STRAFFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
District: STRAFFORD
Grade: END-OF-GRADE SIX
Date: MAY 1996

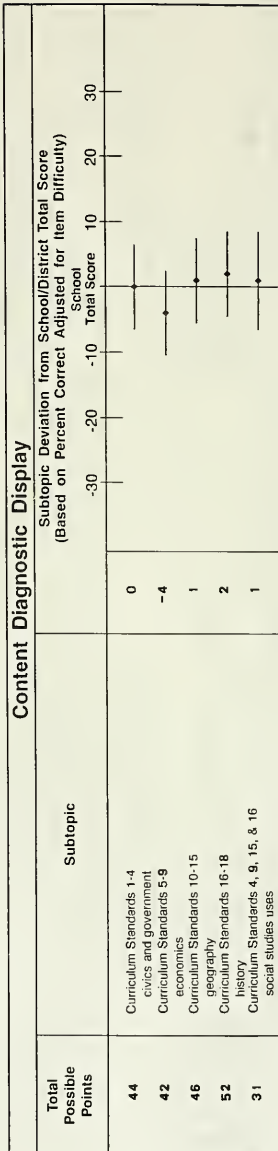
	Proficiency Levels	Students at Each Proficiency Level					
		School			District		
		N	%	N	%	%	%
Advanced: Students at this level demonstrate a thorough understanding of information, concepts, and skills from the biological, physical, and earthspace sciences. They recognize that the sciences are interrelated. They analyze, synthesize, and interpret data from experiments with several variables. They are aware of the limitations of science as well as its useful application in other areas. They use scientific knowledge and processes to solve problems. They employ a variety of forms, including text, graphs, figures, and diagrams, to communicate scientific information clearly and concisely.	1995-96	0	0	0	0	<1	<1
	1996-97	0	0	0	0	0	<1
	1997-98	0	0	0	0	0	<1
	Cumulative Average	0	0	0	0	0	<1
Proficient: Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of information, concepts, and skills from the biological, physical, and earthspace sciences. They are familiar with procedures used in science, such as designing experiments, controlling variables, and selecting appropriate equipment. They draw conclusions from data presented in graphs and tables. They use their scientific knowledge to examine problems and evaluate advantages and disadvantages of proposed solutions. They clearly communicate and explain their understanding, problem-solving strategies, and solutions.	1995-96	12	20	12	20	9	9
	1996-97	1	2	1	2	7	7
	1997-98	5	8	5	8	5	5
	Cumulative Average	6	10	6	10	7	7
Basic: Students at this level demonstrate a rudimentary understanding of information, concepts, and skills from the biological, physical, and earthspace sciences. They are familiar with methods used in science, such as designing experiments, controlling variables, and selecting appropriate equipment. They draw conclusions from data presented in graphs and tables. They use their scientific knowledge to address straightforward problems and adequately communicate their understanding and solutions.	1995-96	17	28	17	28	20	20
	1996-97	20	33	20	33	22	22
	1997-98	16	27	16	27	21	21
	Cumulative Average	18	29	18	29	21	21
Novice: Students at this level demonstrate some understanding of information, concepts, and skills from the biological, physical, and earthspace sciences. For example, they are aware that scientific information is obtained from observations and experiments and are familiar with a number of specific facts. Their ability to address straightforward scientific problems and communicate their solutions is uneven and limited by the extent of their knowledge.	1995-96	30	49	30	49	69	69
	1996-97	39	64	39	64	84	84
	1997-98	38	63	38	63	72	72
	Cumulative Average	36	59	36	59	70	70
Students Not Included in the Report:	1995-96	2	3	2	3	2	2
	1996-97	1	2	1	2	2	2
	1997-98	1	2	1	2	2	2
	Cumulative Average	1	2	1	2	2	2



SOCIAL STUDIES RESULTS

School: STRAFFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
District: STRAFFORD
Grade: END-OF-GRADE SIX
Date: MAY 1998

	Proficiency Levels	Students at Each Proficiency Level									
		School		District		State					
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Advanced: Students at this level demonstrate a thorough understanding of information, concepts, and skills in history, geography, economics, and civics and government. They integrate the use of tools such as maps, globes, graphs, and charts, as well as an understanding of chronology, in defining and addressing problems. They interrelate their knowledge of the social studies and apply it to the examination of relevant issues. They communicate their conclusions and problem-solving strategies clearly and concisely.	1995-96	4	7	4	4	7	4	7	4	7	4
	1996-97	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3
	1997-98	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3
	Cumulative Average	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4
Proficient: Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of information, concepts, and skills in history, geography, economics, and civics and government. They can explain important ideas such as the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, or how supply, demand, and competition affect prices. They obtain information from maps, globes, graphs, charts, narratives, artifacts, and timelines and form conclusions based on data. They apply their knowledge of the social studies to relevant tasks and clearly communicate and explain their findings.	1995-96	9	15	9	15	9	15	9	15	9	15
	1996-97	5	8	5	8	5	8	5	8	5	8
	1997-98	6	10	6	10	6	10	6	10	6	10
	Cumulative Average	7	11	7	11	7	11	7	11	7	11
Basic: Students at this level demonstrate a rudimentary understanding of information, concepts, and skills in history, geography, economics, and civics and government. They can describe people, places, and events as well as important ideas such as the relationship between geography and the development of population centers. They obtain information from maps, globes, graphs, charts, narratives, artifacts, and timelines and make obvious conclusions based on data. They use their knowledge of the social studies to address straight-forward tasks and adequately communicate their findings.	1995-96	22	36	22	36	22	36	22	36	22	36
	1996-97	20	33	20	33	20	33	20	33	20	33
	1997-98	19	32	19	32	19	32	19	32	19	32
	Cumulative Average	20	34	20	34	20	34	20	34	20	34
Novice: Students at this level demonstrate some understanding of information, concepts, and skills in history, geography, economics, and civics and government. For example, they recognize the importance of documents such as the Declaration of Independence, the New Hampshire Constitution, and the United States Constitution, are familiar with a number of specific facts, and understand that the social studies are interrelated. They usually address straight-forward social studies tasks and communicate their findings is uneven and limited by the extent of their knowledge.	1995-96	24	39	24	39	24	39	24	39	24	39
	1996-97	25	42	25	42	25	42	25	42	25	42
	1997-98	32	53	32	53	32	53	32	53	32	53
	Cumulative Average	29	48	29	48	29	48	29	48	29	48
Students Not Included in the Report:	1995-96	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3
	1996-97	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3
	1997-98	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
	Cumulative Average	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3



1998 STRAFFORD SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

It seems that the greatest challenge from year to year is the increasing need for the emotional and health support of a growing number of students. It's wonderful when all it takes is a bandaid, a hug, or a brief, quiet rest, but it's not always that simple. It is important to know that I can help students manage chronic illnesses and reduce the number of absences that might otherwise interfere with their learning progress. Many children benefit from certain medications that contribute to their success in school and helps them to improve their social interactions with their peers. I can recognize the child that becomes acutely ill or injured and needs parental intervention and/or medical intervention. Likewise, vision, hearing and scoliosis screenings identifies students that require referral for medical evaluation.

However, additional, delicate issues of hygiene, appearance and nutrition must be addressed. These affect a child's social interactions and educational success or lack of. Homework not done or incomplete may be an indication of lack of awareness or supervision, based on a need for support of and closer communication with the family. This year, I have done several home visits, hoping to provide on-going health support and wellness education to families, hoping to effect behavioral changes leading to healthier life choices. It is difficult to know just what our children are hearing and watching through the media and their peers, both of which are exerting frightening power over some of our children. It can be very difficult to provide consistent, loving, age-appropriate consequences for childrens' behaviors when they and we are faced with such overwhelming information overload and time demands.

In caring for the individual student, often assessing the entire environment that makes up his or her world needs to be included. With over 10,000 student visits and at least 2000 parent contacts this year, that is a challenge that requires strong teamwork. The team begins with the family, neighbors, emergency contacts, and friends. It involves everyone at school who comes into contact with the children, including the principal, all teachers, cafeteria staff custodians, counselors and myself. It includes community resources such as the family physician, specialists such as audiologists, and social services.

A program called New Hampshire Healthy Kids has been created to provide quality health and dental care, and even eye exams and eyeglasses for any uninsured child in the State. They have a toll-free telephone number, 1-800-545-9635 and I still have information available in my office. There is also a program called VISION USA that many local optometrists participate in every January to provide free eye exams. To be screened for eligibility call 1-800-766-4466 during January only.

To close the loop between the child being seen in my office, and my recommendations for at-home care or referral for medical evaluation, I need feedback from the parents or guardians. If medication or a special treatment has been prescribed and needs to be administered during the school day, the parent/guardian must bring it in

and sign the necessary forms. These requirements are based on NH State laws that govern my nursing practice. The barriers that interfere with our teamwork need to be identified so that we can reduce or eliminate them. Then we can effectively address the mental and physical issues that are besieging our children.

Irene A. Abels, RN
Strafford School Nurse

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

October 14, 1998

Your report of appropriations voted and property taxes to be raised for the 1998-1999 school year has been approved on the following basis:

Total Appropriation \$5,174,296.04

Revenues and Credits Available to Reduce School Taxes

Unreserved Fund Balance \$231,983.15

Fund Balance Voted from Surplus:

(To Capital Reserve Fund) 7,663.15

Fund Balance Remaining as Revenue00

Revenue from State Source:

Foundation Aid 343,676.34

School Building Aid 25,840.00

Area Vocational School

Driver Education

Revenue From State Source continued

Catastrophic Aid \$ 33,306.00

Adult Education

Child Nutrition 26,409.00

Kindergarten Aid 30,750.00

Local Revenue Other Than Taxes

Tuition

Earnings on Investments 10,000.00

Pupil Activities Food Service Receipts 75,241.95

Other Local Sources - Rentals 1,000.00

Trust Fund Income

Transferred from Capital Projects Fund

Transferred From Capital Reserve Fund

Sale of Bonds and Notes

SUPPLEMENTAL 27,459.00

Total Revenue and Credits \$ 581,345.44

District Assessment 4,592,950.60

Total Appropriation \$5,174,296.04

Emergency Expenditure approved from \$ 224,320.00

Unreserved Fund Balance

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION UNIT #44
1999-2000 District Share of SAU Budget

District	1997 Equalized Val.	Valuation Percent	1997-98 Admin. Attend.	Pupils Percent	Combined Percent	99-20 District Share
Northwood	171,558,125	32.86%	447.5	31.44%	64.30%	\$152,081.57
Nottingham	181,771,277	34.82%	467.5	32.84%	67.66%	\$160,031.92
Stratford	168,718,044	32.32%	508.5	35.72%	68.04%	\$160,930.29
TOTAL	522,047,446	100.0%	1,423.5	100.0%	200.0%	\$473,043.77

As voted 11/20/97

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #44
1998-99 Salaries

Superintendent of Schools	\$72,000.00
Special Education Director	\$52,500.00
Business Administrator	\$45,000.00

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the School Board
Strafford School District

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Strafford School District for the year ended June 30, 1998, we considered the District's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the general purpose financial statements.

However, during our audit, we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The material that accompanies this letter summarizes our comments and suggestions regarding those matters. This letter does not affect our report dated July 27, 1998 on the general purpose financial statements of the Strafford School District.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with various District personnel and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,
Mason & Rich Professional Association
Certified Public Accountants

STRAFFORD SCHOOL BOARD 1998 - 1999 REPORT

The 1998-1999 school year has brought about some significant changes for the Strafford School Board. At the 1998 elections, the Board increased its membership to five members with the addition of Joanne Piper-Lang and Mark Dolan. One of the first duties of the five member School Board was to work in conjunction with other members of the SAU, on interviewing, selecting and hiring a new Superintendent. Dr. Harry Fensom was unanimously selected by the search committee as the new SAU Superintendent and began his duties in July.

The Board has spent a great deal of time this year on policies. The Board has reviewed, updated and approved approximately 25 policies. The Board will continue to work on policies that are mandated by the State statutes as well as those that are deemed a priority by the school administration.

With the number of important issues of concern to the School Board, one of the

first orders of business in the 1998-1999 year was to establish Board committees to study selected issues. The Board approved the establishment of a new Kindergarten Committee. This Committee is chartered to "conduct a thorough study of available options and associated costs of implementing a public kindergarten program in the Strafford School District". Other board committees considered for appointments include a Building Committee and a Strategic Planning Committee.

School Board members have been active participating on both SAU Committees and school committees. These include the SAU Joint Policy Committee, which is looking at standardizing policies across the SAU and ensuring our policies are in accordance with State Statutes and NH School Board Association Model Policies. Board Members serve on a committee with the Coe Brown Education Committee, the purpose of which is to ensure communication between Strafford School and Coe Brown Academy on issues of mutual concern, a School Curriculum Improvement Committee to develop the framework for the Strafford School Educational Improvement Plan and a Community Advisory Committee made up of parents, Board members, community members, teachers, students and the school administration that are looking into assessing the strength, weaknesses and challenges facing Strafford School.

The School Board has had several discussions concerning the development of School Board Goals. The Board has met with representatives from other School Districts and the New Hampshire School Boards Association to gain insight into this very important process. We are eager to begin the process of setting goals and ultimately having clear, well defined goals will help the Board develop a Strategic Plan for the district. To make this process successful, community involvement and input is essential.

One ongoing challenge faced by the Board this year was the worsening condition of the North Wall due to a long term moisture problem. It has been necessary to temporarily close down the sixth grade classroom wing to ensure the health and safety of students and staff from poor air quality concerns. After a very wet spring exacerbated the problem, the Board authorized studies of air quality testing and had the construction problem assessed by an engineering and architectural firm with expertise in dealing with moisture problems in construction. Modular units for the sixth grade classes were leased for school year 1998-99 to allow the situation to be studied and remedies implemented. A special public hearing was held in August to notify the community of the situation, including the financial impact. Specifications and requests for proposals have gone out and selection of a firm to undertake the repairs will take place at the end of January. It is hoped that the necessary repairs will be completed for the start of the 1999-2000 year.

The Board has also undertaken negotiations of a new contract with the Strafford Teachers as the current 3-year contract ends this year.

What's ahead for 1999-2000 for the Board? The Board will continue to: focus on developing School Board Policies and School Board Goals, work with the SAU to investigate the possibility of a Cooperative Middle School, work with Committees to resolve issues that face our School and Community.

As New Hampshire faces the challenge of developing a new school funding scheme to meet the requirements of the Claremont lawsuit, much attention and discussion is focused on improving public education. The Board encourages input from the community so that together we can meet the challenges facing us now and in the future.

1998-1999 Strafford School Board Members

REPORT OF STRAFFORD SAU WITHDRAWAL COMMITTEE

The voters of Strafford decided at the March 1998 annual meeting to re-authorize the Strafford SAU Withdrawal Committee to consider withdrawal from the current school administrative unit, SAU #44. Consideration was given to arranging a Special District Meeting in September or October.

The Committee met several times between March and June 3rd, at which time a public hearing was held to explain a proposed plan and allow for public input. (A copy of the proposed plan and the minutes of the June 3rd meeting are on file at the SAU #44 Office). As a result of the public hearing, and the fact that SAU #44 had just hired a new Superintendent, the Committee determined that it was proper to push out the time schedule to allow for observations regarding the performance of the new Superintendent. In addition, document preparation for required submissions to school boards and agencies would continue.

On December 9th, the Committee met to consider final submission to the State. The decision was made to not proceed with withdrawal from SAU #44 at this time. The reasons were: increased yearly cost as a result of withdrawal, marked improvement in services received from SAU #44, lack of support from the School Board for withdrawal as a result of the new Superintendent's improved performance, withdrawal process could begin again if Town votes to do so.

Strafford SAU Withdrawal Committee
December 20, 1998

1100		REGULAR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:	1997-1998	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	
			Approved	Expended	Approved	Proposed	
1100	100	COMPENSATION:					
1100	110	Teacher Salaries:	\$995,070.00	\$967,098.34	\$1,015,029.00	\$993,873.00	(\$21,156.00)
1100	114 1	Director Of Technology:	\$27,780.00	\$27,780.00	\$28,613.00	\$29,471.39	\$588.39
1100	114 2	Technology Teacher:	\$10,480.00	\$10,192.00	\$24,602.00	\$24,602.00	\$0.00
1100	115	Lunch Room Monitor:	\$2,900.00	\$2,083.92	\$3,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$4,000.00
1100	122	Substitute Teacher Salaries:	\$25,000.00	\$26,110.87	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
1100	123	Tutor Salaries:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
1100	200	BENEFITS:					
1100	211	Health Insurance:	\$101,417.38	\$106,332.01	\$124,302.72	\$108,934.00	(\$15,368.72)
1100	212	Dental Insurance:	\$7,339.84	\$6,550.08	\$6,939.12	\$8,306.00	\$1,366.88
1100	213	Life Insurance:	\$3,069.36	\$2,597.20	\$2,923.20	\$2,857.68	(\$65.52)
1100	222 1	Retirement (Certified):	\$29,458.08	\$32,767.62	\$30,725.21	\$31,272.51	\$547.30
1100	222 2	Retirement (Non-Certified):	\$430.73	\$1,832.75	\$1,023.44	\$0.00	(\$1,023.44)
1100	230	F.I.C.A.:	\$81,184.10	\$79,619.24	\$84,321.67	\$83,074.90	(\$1,246.77)
1100	231	Sick Day Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
1100	232	Criminal Record Checks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
1100		OTHER EXPENSES:					
1100	310	Contracted Services:	\$4,000.00	\$11,687.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00
1100	321	Contracted Service Instrumental Music:				\$29,030.71	\$29,030.71
1100	440	Repairs and Maintenance:	\$2,000.00	\$1,121.27	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$500.00
1100	500	TUITION:					
1100	561	Tuition-Other Public Schools:	\$50,208.00	\$75,118.19	\$50,870.00	\$34,022.00	(\$16,848.00)
1100	563	Tuition-Coe Brown:	\$1,443,378.00	\$1,328,829.42	\$1,607,452.00	\$1,696,953.00	\$89,501.00
1100	610	SCHOOL SUPPLIES:					
1100	610 2	Art Supplies:	\$2,000.00	\$2,287.88	\$2,500.00	\$3,200.00	\$700.00
1100	610 5	Lang Arts-Reading Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$1,500.00	\$700.00
1100	610 8.1	Health-P.E. Supplies:	\$500.00	\$479.19	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
1100	610 8.2	Project Adventure:		\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$800.00
1100	610 11	Math Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$400.00	(\$400.00)
1100	610 12	Music Supplies:	\$500.00	\$466.73	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
1100	610 12	Instrumental Music Supplies:	\$250.00	\$236.26	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
1100	610 13	Science Supplies:	\$750.00	\$817.90	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	(\$200.00)
1100	610 15	Social Studies Supplies:	\$0.00	\$5,424.93	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
1100	610 18-1	Consumable Supplies:	\$8,000.00	\$8,101.18	\$8,200.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
1100	610 18-2	General Supplies:	\$1,200.00	\$1,550.58	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	(\$500.00)
1100	610 18-3	AV/Printing Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$2,000.00	\$600.00
1100	610 24	Testing Supplies:	\$1,000.00	\$1,212.87	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	(\$500.00)
1100	610 25	Computer Supplies:	\$800.00	\$795.78	\$1,500.00	\$2,800.00	\$1,300.00
1100	610 26	Foreign Language Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
1100	630	CLASSROOM TEXTS:					
1100	630 1.1	Reading Program Adoption	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
1100	630 1.2	Classroom Texts	\$4,000.00	\$32,103.65	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
1100	630 2	Classroom Workbooks:	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00	(\$4,000.00)
1100	630 3	Classroom Supplemental Books:	\$1,000.00	\$1,110.82	\$3,500.00	\$1,500.00	(\$2,000.00)
1100	630 4	Classroom Reference Books:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$100.00	(\$400.00)
1100	640	Classroom Periodicals:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$800.00	(\$200.00)
1100	700	Equipment and Furniture:					
1100	741 1	New Equipment	\$0.00	\$275.94	\$300.00	\$800.00	\$500.00
1100	741 2	Computer Technology Equipment:	\$6,000.00	\$14,885.47	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
1100	742	Replacement of Equipment:	\$100.00	\$70.88	\$100.00	\$250.00	\$150.00
1100	751	New Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$400.00
1100	752	Replacement of Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
1100	810	Dues and Fees:	\$3,000.00	\$1,200.21	\$4,000.00	\$2,500.00	(\$1,500.00)
1100		TOTAL REG ED PROGRAMS:	\$2,815,815.49	\$2,753,738.98	\$3,081,701.36	\$3,174,247.19	\$92,545.83

1200	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:	1997-1998	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	
1200 100	SALARIES:	Approved	Expended	Approved	Proposed	
1200 110	Special Education Teacher Salaries:	\$108,818.00	\$115,363.59	\$99,922.00	\$136,271.00	\$36,349.00
1200 110 2	Special Education Secretary:	\$8,426.20	\$10,192.00	\$10,497.76	\$10,816.26	\$318.50
1200 114 2	Special Education Teacher Aide Salaries:	\$73,607.58	\$71,243.06	\$71,691.66	\$95,812.56	\$24,120.90
1200 122	Substitute Spe Ed Teacher Salaries:	\$1,000.00	\$5,965.80	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
1200 123	Special Education Tutor Salaries:	\$1,000.00	\$342.50	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
1200 129	Special Education Extended Yr. Program:	\$4,000.00	\$846.37	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
1200 200	BENEFITS:					
1200 211 1	Health Insurance (Certified Staff):	\$19,533.52	\$13,355.68	\$14,343.44	\$16,750.21	\$2,406.77
1200 211 2	Health Insurance (Non-Certified Staff):	\$28,788.22	\$26,468.68	\$29,182.34	\$45,341.00	\$16,158.66
1200 212	Dental Insurance:	\$1,012.39	\$724.36	\$753.75	\$1,145.70	\$391.95
1200 213	Life Insurance:	\$423.36	\$302.40	\$302.40	\$423.36	\$120.96
1200 222 1	Retirement (Certified Staff):	\$3,623.56	\$3,250.74	\$2,986.31	\$4,047.25	\$1,060.93
1200 222 2	Retirement (Non-Certified Staff):	\$3,193.97	\$3,525.92	\$2,801.51	\$3,727.75	\$926.24
1200 230	F.I.C.A.:	\$16,436.16	\$15,177.69	\$14,084.52	\$18,748.84	\$4,664.31
1200	OTHER EXPENSES:					
1200 310 1	Contracted Services/Medicaid Admin Fees	\$500.00	\$5,314.66	\$2,279.55	\$3,000.00	\$720.45
1200 310 2	Contracted Services:Special Education Coordinator		\$0.00	\$22,629.76	\$20,000.00	(\$2,629.76)
1200 440	Repairs and Maintenance:	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
1200 550	Printing	\$0.00	\$367.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200 500	SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION:					\$0.00
1200 561	Spe Ed Tuition-Other Public Schools:	\$8,684.00	\$40,761.00	\$65,793.00	\$27,563.00	(\$38,230.00)
1200 563	Spe Ed Tuition-Coe Brown:	\$125,555.00	\$104,596.31	\$117,264.00	\$90,505.00	(\$26,759.00)
1200 565	Spe Ed Tuition-Non-Public Schools:	\$108,957.00	\$40,574.87	\$85,446.00	\$315,697.00	\$230,251.00
1200 580	Travel	\$0.00	\$2,293.17			\$0.00
1200 610	SPE ED SCHOOL SUPPLIES:					
1200 610 2	Art Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200 610 5	Lang Arts-Reading Supplies:	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$600.00	(\$200.00)
1200 610 8	Health-P E Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200 610 11	Math Supplies:	\$175.00	\$350.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
1200 610 12	Music Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200 610 13	Science Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
1200 610 15	Social Studies Supplies:	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
1200 610 18-1	Consumable Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200 610 18-2	General Supplies:	\$350.00	\$852.27	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$200.00
1200 610 18-3	A. V. Supplies:	\$75.00	\$46.50	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
1200 610 19	Counseling Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200 610 23	Remedial Reading Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200 610 24	Testing Supplies:	\$500.00	\$389.57	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
1200 610 25	Computer Supplies:	\$125.00	\$162.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
1200 610 26	Speech Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200 630	SPE ED CLASSROOM TEXTS:					
1200 630 1	Spe Ed Classroom Textbooks:	\$0.00	\$2,583.80	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
1200 630 2	Spe Ed Classroom Workbooks:	\$50.00	\$180.65	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	\$200.00
1200 630 3	Spe Ed Classroom Supplemental Textbooks:	\$250.00	\$247.50	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
1200 630 4	Spe Ed Classroom Reference Books:	\$200.00	\$256.78	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
1200 640	Classroom Periodicals:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
1200 700	Equipment and Furniture:					
1200 741 1	New Equipment:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
1200 741 2	Computer Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200 742	Replacement of Equipment:	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	(\$150.00)
1200 751	New Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200 752	Replacement of Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200 810	Dues and Fees:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
1200	TOTAL SPE EDU PROGRAMS:	\$515,933.94	\$465,909.89	\$551,278.01	\$802,348.92	\$281,070.92

		1997-1998	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	
		Approved	Expended	Approved	Proposed	
1300		VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS:				
1300	500	VOCATIONAL TUITION:				
1300	561	Vocational Tuition-Other Public Schools	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1300	610	Vocational Assessment:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1300	810	Dues and Fees:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1300		TOTAL VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1400		CD-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:				
1400	100	SALARIES:				
1400	110 1	Athletic:	\$5,450.00	\$5,390.00	\$5,920.00	\$5,920.00
1400	110 2	Enrichment:	\$2,000.00	\$1,164.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
1400	110 3	Co-Curricula:	\$1,110.00	\$1,335.00	\$1,320.00	\$1,320.00
1400	110 4	Extra Curricular:	\$5,660.00	\$9,047.22	\$6,120.00	\$3,120.00
1400	110 5	Journal Coordinator:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
1400	110 6	Substitute Stipend		\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
1400	200	BENEFITS:				
1400	222 1	Retirement (Certified):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
1400	222 2	Retirement (Non-Certified):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
1400	230	F.I.C.A.:	\$1,179.63	\$795.57	\$1,366.29	\$1,136.79
1400	300	Contracted Services:				
1400	310 1	Contracted Services-Special Events:	\$0.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
1400	310 2	Contracted Service- Kindergarten	\$90,000.00	\$63,036.00	\$90,000.00	\$110,000.00
1400	390	Officials-Umpires-Referees:	\$1,200.00	\$1,140.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00
1400	440	Repairs and Maintenance:	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
1400	580	Travel Expenses:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
1400	610 8	Athletic Supplies:	\$500.00	\$866.49	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
1400	610 18	Co-Curricula Supplies:	\$500.00	\$527.76	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
1400	610 20	Enrichment Supplies:	\$500.00	\$486.62	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
1400	810	Dues and Fees:	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
1430		Summer School: Literacy Connection Project				\$6,500.00
1400		TOTAL CD-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:	\$108,599.63	\$84,188.66	\$115,676.29	\$139,496.79
2110		ATTENDANCE:				
2110	310 2	Contracted Service-Truant Officer	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$500.00
2110	230	FICA			\$19.13	\$8.25
2110		TOTAL ATTENDANCE:	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$269.13	\$508.25
2120		GUIDANCE SERVICES:				
2120	110	Guidance Salaries:	\$43,365.60	\$38,797.20	\$39,965.20	\$39,965.20
2120		BENEFITS:				
2120	211	Health Insurance:	\$7,413.40	\$4,853.28	\$5,476.15	\$5,941.84
2120	212	Life Insurance:	\$303.72	\$278.64	\$301.48	\$343.69
2120	213	Life Insurance:	\$127.00	\$120.96	\$120.96	\$127.01
2120	222	Retirement (Certified):	\$1,388.81	\$0.00	\$1,170.98	\$1,186.97
2120	230	F.I.C.A.	\$3,689.03	\$2,622.40	\$3,057.34	\$3,057.34
2120		OTHER EXPENSES:				
2120	310	Contracted Services- Testing:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
2120	610	Guidance Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
2120	630	Guidance Books:	\$50.00	\$46.54	\$250.00	\$500.00
2120	640	Guidance Periodicals:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2120	810	Guidance Dues and Fees:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
2120		TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES:	\$56,337.56	\$46,719.02	\$50,642.11	\$53,922.04
2130		HEALTH SERVICES:				
2130	100	SALARIES:				
2130	110	Nurse's Salary:	\$23,429.00	\$23,429.00	\$24,367.00	\$24,367.00
2130	120	Substitute Nurse's Salary:	\$500.00	\$325.00	\$500.00	\$500.00

		1997-1998	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	
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2130	HEALTH SERVICES:					
2130	BENEFITS:					
2130 211	Health Insurance:	\$2,691.84	\$3,297.61	\$2,932.68	\$3,182.12	\$249.44
2130 212	Dental Insurance:	\$253.10	\$238.09	\$251.25	\$286.43	\$35.18
2130 213	Life Insurance:	\$105.84	\$100.80	\$100.80	\$105.84	\$5.04
2130 222	Retirement:	\$674.76	\$785.24	\$713.95	\$723.70	\$9.75
2130 230	F.I.C.A.:	\$1,830.57	\$1,817.31	\$1,864.08	\$1,864.08	\$5.00
2130 300	Contracted Services:					
2130 310 2	Contracted Services-Staff Physicals:	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
2130 310 3	Contracted Services:	\$100.00	\$86.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$100.00
2130	OTHER EXPENSES:					
2130 440	Repairs and Maintenance-Nurse:	\$100.00	\$88.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
2130 580	Travel Expenses-Nurse:	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
2130 610	Health Supplies-Nurse:	\$700.00	\$755.09	\$700.00	\$800.00	\$100.00
2130 630	Health Textbooks-Nurse:	\$50.00	\$109.95	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
2130 640	Health Periodicals-Nurse:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
2130 700	Equipment and Furniture:					
2130 741	New Equipment:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
2130 742	Replacement of Equipment:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)
2130 751	New Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2130 752	Replacement of Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2130 810	Dues and Fees:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2130	TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES:	\$30,735.11	\$31,032.09	\$32,329.76	\$32,854.17	\$524.41
2140	SPECIAL CONTRACTED SERVICES:					
2140 310 1 1	Stratford Learning Center Membership:	\$3,986.85	\$3,800.50	\$3,943.50	\$4,169.00	\$225.50
2140 310 2	Contracted Occupational Therapy	\$18,856.68	\$18,946.22	\$19,610.00	\$20,292.28	\$682.28
2140 310 3	Contracted Physical Therapy:	\$8,102.40	\$10,356.00	\$10,582.88	\$7,884.27	(\$2,698.61)
2140 310 4	Pre-School Diagnostic Unit:	\$6,555.00	\$8,083.19	\$8,200.00	\$6,000.00	(\$2,200.00)
2140	TOTAL SPEC CONTRACTED SERVICES:	\$37,500.93	\$41,189.91	\$42,336.38	\$38,345.55	(\$3,990.85)
2150	SPEECH SERVICES:					
2150 110	Speech Salary:	\$39,356.00	\$38,356.00	\$40,364.00	\$40,364.00	\$0.00
2150	Speech Assistant	\$0.00	\$11,182.48	\$11,517.95	\$12,529.70	\$1,011.75
2150	BENEFITS:					
2150 211 1	Health Insurance: Cert.	\$6,177.84	\$6,177.81	\$1,000.00	\$7,239.11	\$6,239.11
2150 211 2	Health Insurance: Non Cert.		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$6,014.20	\$5,014.20
2150 212 1	Dental Insurance:	\$253.10	\$238.29	\$251.25	\$286.43	\$35.18
2150 213 1	Life Insurance:	\$105.84	\$100.80	\$100.80	\$105.84	\$5.04
2150 222 1	Retirement Certified:	\$1,133.68	\$1,285.58	\$1,182.67	\$1,198.81	\$16.15
2150 222 2	Retirement Non Certified		\$0.00	\$479.15	\$531.26	\$52.11
2150 230	F.I.C.A.:	\$3,011.35	\$3,740.91	\$3,968.97	\$4,046.37	\$77.40
2150	Supplies:					
2150 610	Speech Supplies:	\$350.00	\$367.51	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$50.00
2150 610 24	Speech Testing Supplies:	\$650.00	\$656.43	\$800.00	\$550.00	(\$250.00)
2150 630	Speech Books				\$300.00	\$300.00
2150 741	Speech New Equipment:	\$0.00	\$309.50	\$300.00	\$0.00	(\$300.00)
2150	TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES:	\$51,037.81	\$63,415.31	\$61,064.78	\$73,315.72	\$12,250.94
2210	IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION:					
2210 112	Curriculum Development/Revision:	\$2,500.00	\$4,238.36	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00
2210 270 1	Course Tuition Reimbursement:	\$10,000.00	\$9,457.00	\$10,000.00	\$17,122.00	\$7,122.00
2210 270 2	Tuition (Support Staff):	\$1,200.00	\$204.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
2210 310	Contracted Service-Grant Writing Consultation			\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
2210 320 1	In-Service Training:	\$1,000.00	\$2,001.18	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2210 320 2	Staff Development Workshops:	\$5,000.00	\$4,911.75	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
2210 320 3	Workshops (Support Staff):	\$2,500.00	\$2,312.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
2210 320 4	Staff Development Stipend:	\$660.00	\$660.00	\$720.00	\$720.00	\$0.00
2210 630 1	Professional Books:	\$500.00	\$456.22	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2210 630 2	Summer Curriculum Work-Foreign Lang.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
2210	TOTAL IMPROVMENT OF INSTRUCTION:	\$23,360.00	\$24,249.51	\$25,920.00	\$34,542.00	\$8,622.00

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2220		LIBRARY AND EDUCATIONAL MEDIA:				
2220	100	SALARIES:				
2220	110	Librarian-Salary:	\$26,057.65	\$25,058.00	\$27,233.00	\$0.00
2220	122	Librarian Substitute-Salary:	\$250.00	\$325.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
2220	114	Librarian Aide-Salary:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,644.00	\$7,644.00
2220		BENEFITS:				
2220	211 1	Health Insurance-Certified:	\$6,177.84	\$6,177.84	\$6,671.72	\$567.29
2220	211 2	Health Insurance-Non-Certified:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,034.96
2220	212 2	Dental Insurance:	\$253.10	\$238.29	\$251.25	\$35.18
2220	213 2	Life Insurance:	\$105.84	\$100.80	\$100.80	\$5.04
2220	222 1	Retirement-Certified:	\$750.46	\$840.03	\$797.93	\$10.89
2220	222 2	Retirement-Non-Certified:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$324.11
2220	230 2	F.I.C.A.:	\$2,012.54	\$1,816.53	\$2,083.32	\$903.89
2220		OTHER EXPENSES:				
2220	310	Contracted Services:	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
2220	610 18-2	Library General Supplies:	\$400.00	\$350.20	\$500.00	\$0.00
2220	610 18-3	Library A.V. Supplies:	\$800.00	\$1,214.39	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
2220	610 26	Computer Software Supplies:	\$6,000.00	\$5,829.28	\$5,000.00	\$9,000.00
2220	630	Library Books:	\$4,500.00	\$5,113.72	\$4,500.00	\$2,000.00
2220	640	Library Periodicals:	\$1,000.00	\$1,391.42	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
2220	700	Equipment and Furniture:				
2220	741	New Equipment:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$3,350.00
2220	742	Replacement of Equipment:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
2220	751	New Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00
2220	752	Replacement of Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2220		TOTAL LIB & EDU MEDIA:	\$49,807.43	\$49,955.50	\$55,288.02	\$82,213.48
2310		SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES:				
2310	110 1	School Board-Salaries:	\$2,300.00	\$1,900.00	\$3,100.00	\$0.00
2310	110 2	School District Moderator-Salary:	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
2310	110 3	School District Treasurer-Salary:	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00
2310	110 4	School District Clerk-Salary:	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
2310	110 5	School District Secretary-Salary:	\$1,000.00	\$1,147.50	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2310		OTHER EXPENSES:				
2310	230	F.I.C.A.:	\$393.98	\$367.01	\$524.03	\$0.00
2310	310	Contracted Services-School District Audit:	\$2,400.00	\$2,650.00	\$2,630.00	\$100.00
2310	390	Contracted Services-Attorney & Negotiator:	\$2,000.00	\$1,576.11	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
2310	540	Advertising-Legal Notices:	\$1,000.00	\$2,523.44	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2310	590	Other Expenses:	\$500.00	\$1,018.84	\$500.00	\$500.00
2310	810	Dues and Fees-School Board's Association:	\$2,553.67	\$2,596.67	\$2,655.81	\$10.81
2310		TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES:	\$13,997.65	\$15,529.57	\$16,159.84	\$589.19
2320		EXPENSES-S.A.U. # 44:	\$111,957.28	\$99,940.05	\$152,762.19	\$8,168.10
2410		OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL:				
2410		COMPENSATION:				
2410	110 1	Principal's Salary:	\$57,198.00	\$57,198.00	\$58,913.94	\$2,356.56
2410	110 2	Assistant Principal:	\$42,500.00	\$42,500.00	\$43,775.00	\$1,751.00
2410	110 4	Secretary Salary:	\$19,955.20	\$17,392.00	\$17,913.76	\$530.24
2410	110 5	Secretary Salary:	\$13,530.00	\$13,530.00	\$13,935.90	\$425.10
2410		BENEFITS:				
2410	211 1 1	Health Insurance (Principal):	\$7,268.04	\$7,268.05	\$7,849.08	\$8,516.60
2410	211 1 2	Health Insurance (Asst. Principal):	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2410	211 2	Health Insurance (Non-Certified Staff):	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
2410	212 1 1	Dental Insurance (Principal):	\$825.09	\$776.79	\$819.00	\$241.64
2410	212 1 2	Dental Insurance (Asst. Principal):	\$253.10	\$238.29	\$251.25	\$35.18
2410	212 2	Dental Insurance (Non-Certified Staff):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2410	213 1 1	Life Insurance (Principal):	\$105.84	\$100.80	\$100.80	\$5.04
2410	213 1 2	Life Insurance (Asst. Principal):	\$105.84	\$100.80	\$100.80	\$5.04

2410		OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL: (continued)	1997-1998 Approved	1997-1998 Expended	1998-1999 Approved	1999-2000 Proposed	
2410	213	2 Life Insurance (Non-Certified Staff):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2410	222	1.1 Retirement (Principal):	\$1,647.30	\$1,917.07	\$1,726.18	\$1,819.73	\$99.56
2410	222	1.2 Retirement (Asst. Principal):	\$1,224.00	\$1,455.01	\$1,311.91	\$1,352.12	\$40.21
2410	222	2 Retirement (Non-Certified Staff):	\$1,376.24	\$1,443.87	\$1,408.15	\$1,391.91	(\$16.24)
2410	230	F.I.C.A.:	\$10,188.51	\$10,205.41	\$10,521.70	\$10,910.77	\$389.07
2410		OTHER EXPENSES:					
2410	310	Contracted Service:	\$3,000.00	\$5,262.52	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$900.00
2410	440	Repairs and Maintenance:	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$900.00
2410	531	Telephone:	\$4,300.00	\$6,389.68	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$900.00
2410	532	Postage:	\$1,000.00	\$1,616.40	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$900.00
2410	550	Printing:	\$2,500.00	\$2,474.98	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
2410	580	Travel Expenses:	\$0.00	\$57.01	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
2410	610	18-2 Supplies and Forms:	\$500.00	\$431.78	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
2410	610	25 Computer Software System Supplies:	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
2410		EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE:					
2410	741	New Equipment:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,200.00	\$125.00	(\$5,075.00)
2410	742	Replacement of Equipment:	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2410	751	New Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2410	752	Replacement of Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2410	810	Dues and Fees:	\$900.00	\$1,044.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
2410	890	Graduation-Class Day Expenses:	\$1,000.00	\$1,071.15	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2410		TOTAL OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL:	\$174,977.16	\$178,008.61	\$184,627.46	\$187,599.39	\$2,971.92
2520		OFFICE OF SCH DIST BOOKKEEPER:					
2520	112	School District Bookkeeper-Salary:	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$21,630.00	\$22,297.60	\$667.60
2520		BENEFITS:					
2520	211	Health Insurance:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2520	212	Dental Insurance:	\$253.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2520	213	Life Insurance:	\$105.84	\$100.80	\$100.80	\$105.84	\$5.04
2520	222	Retirement:	\$863.10	\$985.29	\$941.41	\$945.42	\$4.01
2520	230	F.I.C.A.:	\$1,606.50	\$1,683.04	\$1,731.20	\$1,782.27	\$51.07
2520		OTHER EXPENSES:					
2520	310	Contracted Service:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$900.00
2520	440	Repairs and Maintenance:	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
2520	532	Postage:	\$600.00	\$637.63	\$650.00	\$800.00	\$150.00
2520	580	Travel Expenses:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$100.00
2520	610	Supplies:	\$800.00	\$1,542.53	\$800.00	\$500.00	(\$300.00)
2520	610	25 Computer Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
2520	810	Dues & Fees		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2520		EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE:					
2520	741	New Equipment:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2520	742	Replacement of Equipment:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2520	751	New Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2520	752	Replacement of Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2520		TOTAL OFFICE OF BOOKKEEPER:	\$26,328.54	\$26,949.29	\$28,753.40	\$30,031.12	\$1,277.72
2540		OPERATION AND MAINT. OF PLANT:					
2540	110	1 Head Custodian's Salary:	\$21,259.20	\$21,257.60	\$21,896.98	\$23,004.80	\$1,107.82
2540	110	2 Custodian-Salaries:	\$51,820.60	\$53,932.89	\$53,375.22	\$56,076.80	\$2,701.38
2540	122	Substitute & Overtime Custodian-Salaries:	\$1,500.00	\$1,818.76	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$900.00
2540		BENEFITS:					
2540	211	Health Insurance:	\$13,921.12	\$15,532.86	\$19,699.51	\$21,254.56	\$1,555.05
2540	212	Dental Insurance:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$286.53	\$286.53
2540	213	Life Insurance:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2540	222	Retirement:	\$3,003.58	\$3,325.36	\$3,131.32	\$3,353.06	\$221.74
2540	230	F.I.C.A.	\$5,705.35	\$5,619.56	\$5,911.32	\$6,240.99	\$329.67

2540		OPERATION AND MAINT. OF PLANT:	1997-1998	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	
		(continued)	Approved	Expended	Approved	Proposed	
2540	300	Contracted Services:					
2540	310 1	Contracted Service-Rubbish Removal:	\$4,000.00	\$3,913.57	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$500.00
2540	310 2	Snow Removal:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2540	310 3	Contracted Service-Septic Tank Maintenance:	\$2,500.00	\$4,760.65	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
2540	310 4	Contracted Service-Fire Alarm Service:	\$1,000.00	\$655.20	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2540	310 5	Contracted Service-MasterClock & Intercom:	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
2540	310 6	State Mandated-Water Testing:	\$2,000.00	\$1,525.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
2540	310 7	Laundry & Dry Cleaning:	\$500.00	\$147.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
2540	400	Repairs and Maintenance:					
2540	440 1	Repairs and Maintenance:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2540	440 2	Repairs and Maintenance-Heating Plant:	\$4,500.00	\$9,373.07	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00
2540	440 3	Repairs and Maint-Equipment:	\$1,500.00	\$1,635.26	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
2540	440 4	Repairs and Maint-Furniture & Fix.:	\$500.00	\$4,251.94	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
2540	440 5	Repairs and Maint-Grounds:	\$4,000.00	\$14,667.01	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00
2540	440 6	Repairs and Maint-Building:	\$6,000.00	\$3,381.81	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
2540	440 6 1	FY99WA#7 Playground:	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	(\$10,000.00)
2540	520	Insurance Premium On Bldg & Contents:	\$15,000.00	\$9,962.90	\$15,000.00	\$10,075.00	(\$4,925.00)
2540	580	Travel Expenses:	\$150.00	\$249.36	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
2540							\$0.00
2540		SUPPLIES:					
2540	610 1	Supplies-General Custodial:	\$10,000.00	\$9,017.88	\$11,000.00	\$11,800.00	\$800.00
2540	610 2	Supplies-Glass:	\$500.00	\$505.40	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)
2540	610 3	Supplies-Lumber:	\$300.00	\$783.73	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2540	610 4	Supplies-Hardware:	\$1,000.00	\$1,069.96	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
2540	610 5	Supplies-Electrical:	\$1,000.00	\$1,018.91	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
2540	610 5	Supplies-Plumbing:		\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	(\$500.00)
2540		UTILITIES:					
2540	652	Electricity:	\$26,215.00	\$31,869.76	\$32,000.00	\$38,000.00	\$6,000.00
2540	653	Fuel Oil:	\$16,000.00	\$14,009.81	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
2540	657	Propane Gas:	\$8,500.00	\$4,595.46	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
2540	700	Equipment and Furniture:					\$0.00
2540	741	New Equipment:	\$800.00	\$805.64	\$500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
2540	742	Replacement of Equipment:	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	(\$1,000.00)
2540	751	New Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2540	752	Replacement of Furniture:	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
2540		TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINT OF PLT.:	\$214,374.85	\$220,286.35	\$238,614.36	\$241,191.74	\$2,577.39
2550		PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:					
2550	513 1	Elementary School Transportation:	\$180,180.00	\$169,920.00	\$170,640.00	\$171,900.00	\$1,260.00
2550	513 2	Vocational Transportation:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2550	513 3	Athletic Transportation:	\$2,500.00	\$1,683.60	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
2550	513 4	High School Transportation:	\$0.00	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00	\$0.00
2550	513 5	Special Education Transportation:	\$120,000.00	\$59,521.11	\$70,000.00	\$56,542.50	(\$13,457.50)
2550	513 6	Class-Field Trip Transportation:	\$1,000.00	\$2,771.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00
2550	513 8	Winter Activities:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2550		TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION:	\$303,680.00	\$244,695.71	\$254,940.00	\$244,242.50	(\$10,697.50)
2622		MANAGERIAL SERVICES					
2622		WA# 5 SAU Study Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
2622		TOTAL MANAGERIAL SERVICES			\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
2900		INSURANCES, COMPENSATION, RETIREMENT:					
2900	210	Life Insurance:	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
2900	211	Health Insurance:	\$0.00	\$247.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2900	212	Dental Insurance:	\$0.00	\$187.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2900	214 1	Worker's Compensation:	\$19,490.00	\$13,210.59	\$19,490.00	\$18,000.00	(\$1,490.00)
2900	214 2	Unemployment Compensation:	\$1,000.00	\$27.36	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2900		TOTAL INSUR., COMP., RETIRE.:	\$20,590.00	\$13,732.79	\$20,590.00	\$19,100.00	(\$1,490.00)

			1997-1998	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	
			Approved	Expended	Approved	Proposed	
4000		FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION:					
5100		DEBT SERVICE:					
5100	830	Payment of Principal:	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$0.00
5100	840	Payment of Interest:	\$43,350.00	\$43,350.00	\$37,570.00	\$31,790.00	(\$5,780.00)
5100		TOTAL DEBT SERVICE:	\$128,350.00	\$128,350.00	\$122,570.00	\$116,790.00	(\$5,780.00)
Food Service Program:							
2560	114 1	Salaries-Food Service Director:	\$20,683.30	\$20,683.30	\$21,303.00	\$21,935.55	\$632.55
2560	114 2	Salaries-Food Service Workers:	\$22,799.30	\$15,788.10	\$13,978.25	\$22,051.42	\$8,073.27
2560	211	Health	\$2,691.84	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2560	222	Retirement	\$850.08	\$0.00	\$886.20	\$900.00	\$13.80
2560	230	FICA	\$3,326.42	\$2,828.21	\$2,699.02	\$3,000.00	\$300.98
2560	310	Contracted Services	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
2560	320	Education	\$1,000.00	\$510.00	\$300.00	\$250.00	(\$50.00)
2560	440	Equipment Repairs	\$1,500.00	\$881.43	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	\$200.00
2560	513	Transportation	\$200.00	\$497.71	\$200.00	\$120.00	(\$80.00)
2560	531	Telephone	\$500.00	\$509.96	\$400.00	\$475.00	\$75.00
2560	540	Legal Notices	\$0.00	\$72.96	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
2560	590	Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
2560	610 1	Supplies	\$1,000.40	\$1,284.72	\$600.00	\$500.00	(\$100.00)
2560	610 2	Uniforms	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2560	620	Food/Milk	\$50,000.00	\$58,236.98	\$57,784.48	\$52,000.00	(\$5,784.48)
2560	657	Propane Gas	\$0.00	\$390.12	\$800.00	\$355.00	(\$445.00)
2560	741	Equipment	\$1,943.38	\$547.46	\$800.00	\$407.00	(\$393.00)
2560	810	Dues & Fees	\$0.00	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Food Service:			\$106,494.72	\$102,232.95	\$101,650.95	\$104,094.07	\$2,443.12
Budget Summary							
1100		Regular Education Programs:	\$2,815,815.49	\$2,753,738.98	\$3,081,701.36	\$3,174,247.19	\$92,545.83
1200		Special Instructional Programs:	\$515,933.34	\$485,909.89	\$551,278.01	\$802,348.92	\$251,070.92
1300		Vocational Programs:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1400		Co-Curricular Activities:	\$108,539.63	\$84,188.66	\$115,676.29	\$139,496.79	\$23,820.50
2110		Attendance:	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$269.13	\$538.25	\$269.13
2120		Guidance:	\$56,337.56	\$46,719.02	\$50,642.11	\$53,922.04	\$3,279.94
2130		Health:	\$30,735.11	\$31,032.09	\$32,329.76	\$32,854.17	\$524.41
2140		Special Contracted Services:	\$37,600.93	\$41,185.91	\$42,336.38	\$38,345.55	(\$3,990.83)
2150		Speech Services:	\$51,037.81	\$63,415.31	\$61,064.78	\$73,315.72	\$12,250.94
2210		Improvement of Instruction:	\$23,360.00	\$24,240.51	\$25,920.00	\$34,542.00	\$8,622.00
2220		Library and Educational Media:	\$49,807.43	\$49,955.50	\$55,288.02	\$82,213.48	\$26,925.46
2310		School Board Services:	\$13,397.65	\$15,529.57	\$16,159.84	\$16,749.03	\$589.19
2320		Expenses - S.A.U. # 44:	\$111,957.28	\$99,940.05	\$152,762.19	\$160,930.29	\$8,168.10
2410		Office of The Principal:	\$174,977.16	\$178,008.61	\$184,627.46	\$187,593.39	\$2,971.92
2540		Office of The Bookkeeper:	\$26,328.54	\$26,949.29	\$28,753.40	\$30,031.12	\$1,277.72
2540		Operation and Maintenance of Plant:	\$214,374.85	\$220,286.35	\$238,614.36	\$241,191.74	\$2,577.39
2550		Pupil Transportation Services:	\$303,680.00	\$244,695.71	\$254,940.00	\$244,242.50	(\$10,697.50)
2622		Managerial Services		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
2900		Insurances, Compensation, Retirement:	\$20,590.00	\$13,732.79	\$20,530.00	\$19,100.00	(\$1,490.00)
4000		Facilities Acquisitions:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5100		Debt Service:	\$128,350.00	\$128,350.00	\$122,570.00	\$116,790.00	(\$5,780.00)
Totals General Fund			\$4,683,633.38	\$4,488,128.24	\$5,037,523.08	\$5,448,458.18	\$410,925.10
General Fund Total							
Food Service Total			\$106,494.72	\$102,232.95	\$101,650.95	\$104,094.07	\$2,443.12
WA		Capital Reserve Fund:	\$25,000.00		\$7,663.00	\$25,000.00	
97-98	WA	Supplemental WAF 4 Block Repair	\$4,000.00	\$3,983.00			
WA		Supplemental WA Foundation Aid			\$27,459.00	\$12,075.06	
		Collective Bargaining Agreement				\$26,707.54	
Total Appropriations			\$4,819,128.10	\$4,594,344.19	\$5,174,296.03	\$5,616,334.95	\$442,038.92

			1997-1998	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	
	Revenues:		1997-1998	Expended	Approved	Proposed	
	State	Foundation Aid	\$328,021.00		\$343,876.34	\$829,608.65	
	State	School Building Aid	\$25,840.00		\$25,840.00	\$25,840.00	
	State	Catastrophic Aid	\$32,500.00		\$33,306.00	\$33,306.00	
	State	Food Service	\$35,029.00		\$26,409.00	\$29,951.55	
	State	Kindergarten	\$22,500.00		\$30,750.00	\$37,500.00	
		Additional FY98 Foundation Aid			\$27,459.00	\$12,075.06	
	Local	Transfer Fr Capital Reserve	\$4,000.00				
		Earnings on Investments	\$2,000.00		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
		Food Service	\$71,466.00		\$75,241.96	\$73,142.52	
		Rentals			\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
		Unreserved Fund Balance	\$66,561.00				
		Voted fr Surplus	\$25,000.00		\$7,663.15	\$25,000.00	
		Total Revenues & Credits	\$587,917.00		\$581,345.44	\$1,077,423.78	\$496,078.34
		Total Appropriations	\$4,819,136.10		\$5,174,296.04	\$5,616,334.95	\$442,038.91
		District Assessment	\$4,231,219.10		\$4,592,950.60	\$4,538,911.17	(\$54,039.43)
		Tax Rate for School:	\$25.49 per 1000		\$27.17 per 1000		

MINUTES STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1998

School Board Members: Mr. Stephen Leighton, Chairman, Dr. Alfred Olson, Mr. Bruce Patrick

Others Present: Mr. John Dolan, School District Moderator; Mr. Richard Steudle, Interim Superintendent; Mrs. Judith McGann, SAU #44 Special Education Director; Mr. Richard Jenisch, Principal; Mr. Daniel Baker, Assistant Principal; Mrs. Carrolle A. Popovich, School Board Secretary

The March 4, 1998 School District meeting for the Town of Strafford opened at 7:10 p.m.

Moderator Dolan introduced the individuals sitting at the front table, noting the following: Mrs. Judith McGann, SAU #44 Special Education Director; Mr. Daniel Baker, Assistant Principal Strafford School; Mr. Richard Jenisch, Principal, Strafford School; Mr. Richard Steudle, Interim Superintendent, SAU #44; Dr. Alfred Olson, School Board Member; Mr. Stephen Leighton, School Board Chairman; Mr. Bruce Patrick, School Board Member; Carrolle A. Popovich, School District Clerk and himself, as Moderator, Strafford School District.

Moderator Dolan explained the process of how the meeting would transpire and how amendments and motions should be offered. He indicated that his main goal was to conduct a fair meeting. Moderator Dolan further commented that he would be loosely following Robert's Rules of Order throughout the course of the meeting. For the benefit of new voters, Moderator Dolan explained the voting procedure.

The meeting began with Moderator Dolan reading the beginning of the Warrant, as printed. The following was noted:

Warrant Article #1 - Moderator Dolan read the following: "To hear the reports of agents, committees, or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto". There being no reports at this time in the meeting, Warrant Article #2 was then read.

Warrant Article #2 - "To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to enter into a five year contract with Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, for the education of pupils in grades nine through twelve residing in the Strafford School District, the term of the contract to begin on July 1, 1998 and end on June 30, 2003, with an option to renew for two additional five year periods, and authorize the School Board to take all other action and sign all documents necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote". (The School Board recommends this article) Discussion ensued with Mrs. Irene Abels questioning if there would be a fixed cost per pupil during the five year contract. School Board Member Bruce Patrick explained that the tuition cost can be increased during the five year contract. He explained that there are members of the Strafford community that sit on the Coe-Brown Northwood Academy Board of Trustees that are looking out for the interests of the Town of Strafford. Mr. Patrick went on to explain that tuition increases have been below projected amounts for the last 3-4 years. He noted that although this has been estimated at approximately 5%, it has increased approximately 2-3% yearly. Mr. Patrick further explained that Coe-Brown Northwood Academy can only make increases in the educational programs and any additional teachers added to staffing, further noting that no increases can be made to building and capital outlay expenditures. Mr. Patrick pointed out that Strafford has experienced increases in tuition costs each year, noting that this year's increase is \$133.00 per student. Mr. Patrick went on to explain that there are an additional 33 students this year that will be attending Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, noting that the increase in tuition will be \$223,000 a major budget increase this year.

After being recognized by Moderator Dolan, Mr. Irving Johnson stated that, after reading the Coe-Brown Northwood Academy contract, he stated that he felt that it was flawed as far as any negotiations. He pointed out that there was nothing in the contract that gave the Town of Strafford any negotiation power. He urged those in attendance not to vote for the contract, further suggesting that the contract be negotiated to acquire some benefits. Mr. Johnson indicated that, although the number of students attending Coe-Brown

Northwood Academy from Strafford increases over the years, we are not seeing economy in size.

Moderator Dolan recognized Mr. William Lord who introduced himself as President of the Coe Brown Northwood Academy Board of Trustees. He explained that there has been an increase of 2% per student in the education portion in this year's tuition, further adding that there has been a decline in the special education tuition. He noted that, in the case of economy of numbers, there has been a decline in the special education tuition, further noting that Coe Brown can now tailor the number of teachers to the number of students who require special education services more efficiently. Additionally, Mr. Lord indicated that, on the issue of tuition, the formula prescribed is a matter of State law which is adhered to, to the letter.

There being no further questions or comments regarding Warrant Article #2, Moderator Dolan called for the vote on Warrant Article #2. The vote on Warrant Article #2 passed and was declared as such by the Moderator.

Warrant Article #3 - "To see if the School District will raise and appropriate, as a supplemental appropriation for the 1997-1998 fiscal year, the sum of \$27,459, for the support of schools, for capital improvements such as the emergency replacement of a boiler, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district; this appropriation to be funded by excess Foundation Aid." (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) Chairman Leighton explained that additional Foundation Aid Money had been received, a portion of which was used for Kindergarten, as passed at a Special School District Meeting. He explained that the \$27,459. was the remainder of the Foundation Aid money. Chairman Leighton explained that the Board needed the vote of the taxpayers to authorize this money to go towards the School. He stated further that if this appropriation is not passed, the money will not be utilized for education, but will go back to the Town.

Mr. Harrington was recognized to speak. Mr. Harrington questioned if the boiler had already been purchased. Chairman Leighton explained that the purchase of the boiler was taken from the budget, anticipating that this money would be returned to the school. Mr. Harrington queried Chairman Leighton if the Board anticipated a deficit budget. Chairman Leighton pointed out that the Board had absolutely no way of knowing because the budgetary year has not been completed. Mr. Harrington pointed out that if the \$27,459. is not voted for the school's utilization, it will be used to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes. He urged those in attendance to use this money to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes. Chairman Leighton pointed out that a \$95,000 budgetary cut was voted last year, together with an unexpected additional expenditure of \$65,000., an unanticipated cost incurred, as a result of two students who had moved into the Town. He went on to explain that it was the hope of the Board that a portion of the \$27,459. could be used towards that unanticipated expenditure.

State Representative Dennis Vachon rose and stated that he thought the tax rate had already been set, and urged everyone to vote to allow the school to use this sum. Mr. Lester Huckins, Selectman, Town of Strafford, indicated that the tax rate had not been set yet. Mrs. Irene Abels questioned how much the \$27,459. would make to the tax rate, further pointing out how much this amount would benefit the school. After some calculations, it was noted that the \$27,459. would affect the tax rate approximately .10 to .12 cents per thousand dollars of valuation on property in Strafford.

Mr. Johnson reminded those in attendance that the percentage of the tax rate for the school portion was very high, adding that it was the biggest proportion of taxes, as compared to the Town portion and County portion. He stated that there were people who would like to pay less, and have shelter and a roof over their heads.

Mr. Lester Huckins questioned if Warrant Article #3 is approved, would it serve to reduce the amount in this year's operating budget? Chairman Leighton indicated that if Warrant Article #3 is not approved, it will go back to the Town as a surplus from the School, to help reduce the amount to be raised by taxes. He stressed that every year, the School Board sends money back to the Town, adding that not all of the budgeted amount is spent. Chairman Leighton stressed that, because of the need, the Board felt it important to have this money stay within the school budget until at least June 30th to pay bills.

Mr. Alan Gahm stated that he felt that Warrant Article #3 should be voted in the affirmative; and to move forward with the remainder of the meeting.

A motion to limit debate was then made and duly seconded. A call for the vote to move the question was recorded in the affirmative. Moderator Dolan then called for a vote on Warrant Article #3. Warrant Article #3 was declared passed by the Moderator, by a show of cards.

Warrant Article #4 - "To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the undesignated fund balance as of 30 June 1998. Said sum of money to be deposited in the School District Capital Reserve Fund entitled: Capital Improvements/New Construction for the School District in accord with the provisions of RSA Ch. 35 (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) Moderator Dolan read Warrant Article #4. Chairman Leighton gave an explanation of Warrant Article #4, noting that it was the same Article which was included last year. He stated that, should there be any unspent money as of June 30th, \$25,000 of that would go towards the Capital Reserve Fund. Chairman Leighton indicated that presently, there was approximately \$75,000. in this Fund, adding that these funds will be needed in the future. There being no questions or discussion regarding Warrant Article #4, Moderator Dolan called for a vote. Warrant Article #4 passed, and was declared as such by the Moderator, by a show of cards.

Warrant Article #5 - "To see if the School District will vote to establish a planning committee to consider the withdrawal from its School Administrative Unit pursuant to RSA Chapter 194-C, and if approved, to authorize the committee to incorporate existing studies, plans, and proposals regarding re-organization of the School Administrative Unit as prepared by the prior SAU Study Committee, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for expenses incurred by the committee." (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) Dr. Alfred Olson indicated that the SAU Study Committee expects to finish its work this year, proposing a plan for restructuring the Strafford School District and the SAU, by forming its own SAU. He stated that, because of changes in the law, the Committee has to be renominated at this meeting. He explained that the \$2,000. expenditure was for lawyers fees, consulting document preparation and advertising for a Special District Meeting which is expected in September of 1998.

Mr. James Martel was recognized by Moderator Dolan to speak. Mr. Martel stated that he wished to amend Warrant Article #5 to state that the committee be required to submit and publish their findings by March 10, 1999. A second to the amendment was offered, whereby discussion ensued regarding the amendment. Dr. Olson spoke to the amendment, noting that it would force the Strafford School District to remain as part of the already existing SAU #44 for an additional year. Discussion ensued regarding the amendment, as stated by Mr. Martel. Moderator Dolan indicated that it was the hope of the School Board to have the Committee prepared to come before a Special School District meeting anticipated to be scheduled in September. A call for the vote on the proposed amendment was recorded in the negative. Discussion regarding Warrant Article #5 as originally read ensued. There being no further discussion, Moderator Dolan called for a vote on Warrant Article #5. A call for the vote was recorded as a passed vote and was declared as such by the Moderator.

Warrant Article #6 - "To see if the School District will vote to approve a local plan to continue an alternative kindergarten program for the 1998-1999 school year, and further to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) as the cost to fund this program." (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) Moderator Dolan read Warrant Article #6. Discussion ensued, with Chairman Leighton explaining that Warrant Article #6 was a continuation of a program which was approved by the voters of Strafford last August at a Special School District Meeting. He went on to explain that there were 34 pupils registered for kindergarten last year, and as a result, money will be turned back from this appropriation. Ms Lisa Green of Hand in Hand indicated that there were presently 37 children attending the kindergarten program from Strafford, with another child expected tomorrow, bringing the total to 38. Mr. Irving Johnson spoke to the State program as proposed by the Governor. He stated that he felt this State program was a ruse, adding that we will not get something for nothing. Mrs. Jane Vachon, Co-Chairperson, Strafford Parent Teacher Organization spoke, adding that in her estimation, she did not feel there was a more important issue before the body than approving this kindergarten program. She complimented the School Board for moving quickly to take advantage of the State funding for a kindergarten program. Mrs.

Vachon stated that, throughout New Hampshire, there are 154 school districts, and, of those, there are only 41 who do not have kindergarten programs. She went on to note that, of the 41, 30 are considering or taking some action on kindergarten. Mrs. Pamela Felber stated that kindergarten is not a test - it's about children - who will be able to grow up and take advantage of something that needs to be there. Mr. Michael Felber stated that Warrant Article #6 was the clearest example of the good use of tax dollars for the funding of a very unique local kindergarten program in Strafford. Mr. James Martel addressed the kindergarten issue, noting that there were many parents who had already committed to another kindergarten program last year, and, instead of being a contractual price of \$1,400, it ended up being \$2,000. Mr. Martel stated that people should have the right to have a say in how their money is spent, pointing out the positive aspect of a voucher system. He stressed the importance of people being able to spend their money the way they choose for education, and having a say in how it is spent. This way, he stressed, people have choices. Representative Vachon stated that a voucher system is not constitutional. He noted that the Kindergarten statute provides for more than one alternative kindergarten program, allowing someone else in Strafford to put together a kindergarten program, and propose such before the School Board. He did stress, however, that they have to meet State standards. Mrs. Sherry Waldron questioned why the appropriation for kindergarten has increased over last year, and further, how many children have benefited from this program which might not have been able to attend kindergarten otherwise? Chairman Liegthon indicated that the Warrant Article that Mrs. Waldron was referring to was an old Article, defeated last March. He noted that the Special School District Meeting held last August, passed \$90,000. Chairman Leighton further noted that once kindergarten was voted, 24 students were signed up for the program who had not been previously signed up prior to kindergarten approval. Mr. Harrington addressed the issue questioning the benefits of publicly financed kindergarten and the substantial costs. He pointed out that although the Town of Strafford paid for \$90,000 for the implementation of an alternative kindergarten program, the State did offer some financial funding for the implementation of kindergarten. He added that the \$90,000 was only what was being appropriated from the Strafford taxpayer, adding that there is substantial amount of other money being spent - stressing that the cost of kindergarten is a lot more. He went on to state that, "what the State giveth, the State can take it away, as it has in the past". Mr. Harrington questioned where the savings were in the budget which reflects what he said was promised, if kindergarten was voted in. Chairman Leighton stated that no time frame was established, further stating that there is really no way of knowing what the savings will be. Mr. Michael Felber spoke about the timeliness of kindergarten last year. He added that Mrs. Margaret Osterman has gone to great length to keep the costs of the kindergarten program down. Mr. Carl Hall questioned if there was a difference in tuition costs for Strafford students and other students. Mr. Jenisch explained that the difference with public kindergarten is that you have to follow the rules as stipulated by the State of New Hampshire. He pointed out the different levels of certification which teachers must maintain, as well as the increase in staff and the rental of the building which is considerably different, but required for public kindergarten. Mr. Jenisch went on to explain that the decision to make it public was not made and voted on until last August of last year, and until August, it remained a private kindergarten. Mr. Jenisch stated although the list of first graders now stands at 52, 46 are confirmed for next year. He added that although there are 50 children on the list for kindergarten next year, of that number, 46 children have been confirmed, as a result of child find efforts. Mr. Jenisch added that generally, there is a 10-15% increase until school actually begins in the Fall. He further noted that Strafford School enrollment for next year will stay the same or may be slightly higher than what it is this year. Mr. Carl Hall questioned the total per student being spent for kindergarten. Chairman Leighton informed Mr. Hall the answer was \$2,000 and of that total, \$750.00 is paid by the State which is reimbursed. He further noted that there was an increase in the Foundation Aid money used to pay for kindergarten, adding that the same plan will be followed for next year. Mrs. Ann Castaguana spoke to the positive aspect of kindergarten and the benefits derived from attending kindergarten. She urged everyone to keep moving forward in their plan for kindergarten in Strafford. Moderator Dolan recognized Mr. Eric Gale who moved the question. This motion was duly seconded. Mrs. Sandra Schwab asked to be recognized. Moderator Dolan stated that, in a concerted effort to recognize everyone who wished to speak regarding this issue at hand, he would recognize Mrs. Schwab, and then would entertain Mr. Gale's motion to limit debate. Mrs. Schwab stated that there are many who are not opposed to kindergarten, but are unsure about the burden of kindergarten being spread throughout the whole town's tax base. She further commented that perhaps the burden of aid for kindergarten should come to those whose children are attending kindergarten, and not on every-

body in town. Moderator Dolan then recognized Mr. Gale's motion to limit debate. A call for the vote on the motion to cease debate on the issue was recorded as an affirmative vote. Moderator Dolan then called for a vote on Warrant Article #6 as read. The vote, by a show of cards, was recorded as an affirmative vote and was declared as such by the Moderator.

Warrant Article #7. "To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to supplement funds raised by the PTO for installation of playground equipment." (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) Discussion followed regarding Warrant Article #7, with Chairman Leighton explaining what the PTO Committee was in attendance and would give an overview and explanation of Warrant Article #7. Moderator Dolan then recognized Mr. Mark Dolan and Mrs. Joanne Piper-Lang to speak to the Article. Mr. Mark Dolan introduced himself as Co-Chairman of the PTO Playground Committee. He updated everyone in attendance regarding the status of the playground. He advised that the existing playground no longer meets safety requirements, and needs to be removed. The PTO Playground Committee has worked for two years researching various companies, interviewing them, reviewing prices and warranties, materials used, and visiting other playgrounds throughout the State. As a result, a report has been produced, showing the findings. As a result, the committee made a unanimous decision to select Miracle Recreation Equipment Company, a company who has been in business for over 50 years; had the best overall warranty and the best value for our money. Mr. Dolan went on to explain that a determination was made regarding how much of a playground was needed and the cost factor involved, before the whole package was put out to bid to various companies. The Miracle Recreation Equipment Company came back with the best cost and the best equipment. Mr. Dolan stated that a layout for the first design phase has already been developed, with more designing to follow, an effort to be coordinated with the school. Mrs. Joanne Piper-Lang, Co-Chairman of the PTO Playground Committee, updated everyone in attendance regarding the fund raising efforts. She explained that the PTO has committed two years of funding towards this effort. In addition to that, a number of fund raising efforts have been carried out to raise money towards this effort, specifically noting a direct mail effort, spearheaded mostly by Mrs. Jane Vachon, Co-Chairman of the Strafford Parent Teacher Organization. Mrs. Piper-Lang indicated that, as a result of the fund raising efforts, \$22,000 has been raised, a tremendous amount of money raised through community support and direct mailings. She explained that, including site preparation and accessibility for the handicapped, \$30,000. will be needed towards this effort. Mrs. Piper-Lang stated that the PTO is looking for up to \$10,000. to complete the effort. She emphasized that the newly proposed playground will serve the Strafford Community for years to come. Mrs. Piper-Lang thanked everyone for their support. Mrs. Jane Vachon then spoke regarding the playground issue, stating that, as she watched the donations come in for the playground, she felt lucky to be a resident of Strafford, knowing that Strafford is a Town that really cares about its children. She thanked everyone for their support of the playground effort. Mrs. Vachon indicated that fund raising efforts towards the playground will continue throughout the Spring, with her pledge that any money that comes into the Playground Fund, the PTO will only take what is needed. A motion was made and seconded to move the question. A call to limit debate was recorded in the affirmative. Moderator Dolan then called for a vote on Warrant Article #7. Warrant Article #7 was declared as passed.

At this time in the meeting, Moderator Dolan recognized Mr. Eric Gale. Mr. Gale moved, duly seconded, to restrict reconsideration of all previously considered Warrant Articles. Moderator Dolan explained the motion, as stated, and the procedural affect of it. There being no discussion or debate regarding the motion to restrict reconsideration, a call for the vote on the motion was recorded as an affirmative vote and was declared as such by the Moderator.

For clarification purposes, Moderator Dolan explained that occasionally, when a call for the vote is required, he may raise his card. He added that he is not voting when he raises his card. He added that he is not voting when he raises his card, but rather demonstrating what voters need to do. Moderator Dolan stated that, following New Hampshire tradition, the only time he would vote was if there was a perfect tie, and he would vote to break the tie.

Moderator Dolan read **Warrant Article #8** as it was published: "To see what sum of money the School District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, for capital construction, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the school district." (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) Moderator Dolan asked if there was a motion more speci-

cally to define this Warrant Article. Mr. Bruce Patrick, School Board member, then moved that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,037,174.03, not including all previous Warrant Articles for the support of the school, the salaries of the school district officials and agents, for capital construction and for the payment of statutory obligations of the school district. Moderator Dolan recognized that the motion was proper. Discussion followed the motion. Chairman Leighton introduced the budget, stating that the School Board spent many many hours going over the budget. He indicated that the major obstacle they encountered is having to project 15 months ahead of time of what will be needed. Chairman Leighton went on to explain that when the budgetary process started this year, the Board reflected two years back, when the SAU made an error in the Strafford budget, and cut the budget \$60,000 (an error in one line item) without the knowledge of the Board. He referenced a chart which was distributed to everyone in attendance, which showed approximately 4% of the total budget that the Board can change (supplies, texts), which, he pointed out, affects the every day kid, and where the \$60,000. came out of. Chairman Leighton went on to note that last year, when the voters cut the school budget \$95,000, this same area of the budget was affected again emphasizing that the Board "had to go to the same well - and the well is getting dry". He stated that the Board spent many meetings and hours, looking at restructuring, which wasn't going to work. As a result, the Board made up the \$95,000, the best way we felt we could. This year, he added, some of that money has to be put back. Chairman Leighton stressed that text books, supplies and maintenance have been put off - but can't be put off any longer. As Chairman Leighton continued, he pointed out that not only was the budget cut \$95,000., but \$155,000, a combination of a \$95,000 budgetary cut and the unanticipated expenditure of \$60,000. He stated that the budget is put together in February, and needs to carry the school through July of 1999. Chairman Leighton stressed that, in the last week, after the budget was put together, the school now has an additional 10 children, the cost of which is not included within this budget, adding that "we're behind before we even get anywhere". Chairman Leighton noted that the biggest increase in the budget is the student increase at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, 33 new students above what we already have - or roughly \$223,350. He further commented that Strafford is at its last year of its teacher contract increase also noting a large increase in special education costs. Chairman Leighton emphasized that although the Strafford School Board fought hard against the increase in the SAU budget, Strafford got hit with a \$41,000 increase in the SAU budget. Chairman Leighton emphatically emphasized that the bottom line of the budget is needed, stating that after working countless hours on the budget, he didn't see where "one penny can be cut without hurting the everyday kid in this school, which has been hurt for the last two years." Mr. Carl Hall stated that in his estimation, everything included within the budget is needed, and that there was no way that this budget could be cut. Mrs. Pamela Felber thanked the School Board for providing such a terrific graphic on the operating budget, and the reality of the fact that there is very little of the operating budget which can be touched. She went on to state that we should give back the \$90,000 which was cut last year and at this time, she moved to amend Warrant Article #8, to increase the budget \$90,000. This motion was duly seconded. Discussion ensued regarding the amendment. Mr. Jerry Waldron stated that, because the School Board knows where the shortfalls are, they should come up with a figure that they thought was appropriate to insure that our students have an adequate education. Moderator Dolan queried the School Board if they had any reaction to the \$90,000 amendment. Chairman Leighton stated that, although the Board would like to see the \$90,000 included within the budget, the Board remained realistic. He commented that the Board and administration can make the budget work, if it is passed the way it is, we may have to cut some corners someplace.

Mr. William Lord stated that, in the past, the School Board has always been frugal, and as a result of this, he felt very comfortable in supporting the amendment, adding that if the money is not needed, it will be returned. Mrs. Abels spoke to the possibility of children entering the school which may have special education needs, adding that these unanticipated costs could wipe out a portion of the budget in a very short period of time. She rose in support of the amendment. Mr. Harrington clarified a point, noting that there have been surpluses which have been returned, but not always the case. He stated that the School Board indicated that they could make due with the budget they presented, urging voters to give them what they originally asked for, and to vote against the amendment. Mrs. Sandra Schwab stated that for every family moving into Strafford another family has to move out because they can no longer afford the taxes. She stressed the fact that taxes are killing some of our older people. Mr. Jerry Waldron stated that we need to think about the people within the Strafford community that live on fixed incomes, stressing that we shouldn't

put an unfair burden on them because they are already struggling with their tax bills. Mr. Bruce Patrick, School Board member, pointed out that within the last three days, 11 students will be going to the Strafford School that have not been accounted for. He added that, within that 11 student increase, there are 2 additional high school students. Mr. Patrick stated that although he appreciated Mrs. Felber's amendment, he agreed with Mr. Waldron, adding that he did not feel that the School will need the \$90,000, noting there is money now available as a result of the passage of Warrant Article #3. Mr. Patrick pointed out to Mr. Harrington that, in his eleven years as a School Board member, the Board has never gone into a deficit, and each year, he believed that money has been turned back. Mr. James Martel spoke to the tax burden on the elderly, stating that he felt the \$90,000 was not warranted. He went on to explain that he was well aware of the fact that the Board has put a lot of work into the budget, having attended many school board meetings. Moderator Dolan recognized a motion to move the question which was duly seconded. A call for the vote to limit debate passed. A call for the vote on the amendment was recorded in the negative, and was declared as such by the Moderator. A call for the vote on the underlying Article, Warrant Article #8, as read by School Board member Patrick, in the amount of \$5,037,174.03 was recorded in the affirmative and was so declared by the Moderator.

Warrant Article #9 - "To choose agents and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant." Moderator Dolan asked if there were any committees or agents to be chosen. Dr. Olson, School Board member, indicated that the SAU Study Committee needed to be appointed. Moderator Dolan then recognized Dr. Olson to speak. Dr. Olson then nominated as members of the SAU Study Committee: James Allmendinger, Erma Clark, Bertha Huckins, Michael Harrington (alternate), Irving Johnson, George Kitz (alternate), Steve Leighton, Al Olson, Patricia Whittier and the SAU #44 Superintendent (presently) Richard Steudle. This motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Harrington. Moderator Dolan asked if there was any discussion following the motion. There being no discussion, he then called for a vote to accept the so noted names, as nominated by Dr. Olson, as the SAU Study Committee, authorized under Warrant Article #5. The vote on the motion was recorded as an affirmative vote and Moderator Dolan declared that those nominees were appointed by the voting body of March 4, 1998. Moderator Dolan queried if there were any other committees that needed appointment at this time. There being none, he turned to Warrant Article #10.

Warrant Article #10 - "To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting." Moderator Dolan recognized Mr. Harrington who rose and spoke about the democratic process of speaking at school district meetings. He urged those present to contact their Representative or Senator regarding their support of the constitutional amendment to vacate the Claremont decision. Representative Vachon was recognized, and emphasized that he was categorically opposed to a constitutional amendment.

Moderator Dolan asked if there were any further questions, comments or business to transact under Warrant Article #10. There being none, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Harrington, and duly seconded by Mr. Patrick. There being no opposition to the motion at hand, the Moderator declared that the Strafford School District Meeting of March 4, 1998 was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**1998 GRADUATES
STRAFFORD SCHOOL**

Gregory Carleton Arnold
Arthur John Ayvaz
Alicia K. Bent
Allison M. Boehm
Brandon D. Boggs
Tobi Lee Boles
Kristy Elizabeth Bounds
Jacob Bronnenberg
Shannon Lindsey Brown
Adam Michael Carruth
Ryan Harding Chadbourn
Anthony Cicirelli
Megan Marie Clark
Meagan Elizabeth Corlin
Ryan J. Costantino
Mathew Allen Cox
Matthew E. Davis
John Francis Dolan, III
Thomas Dupere
Ross Ewald
Matthew C. Gagnon
Nathan Gosselin
Lindsey Elizabeth Grant
Melisa Ruth Gunther
Marsha Kay Harrington
Bryan Adam Hayes
Sara Beth Hodil
Gregory James Kelley
Amy LaFlamme
Matthew D. LaPanne
John E. Lavin, III
Evan Charles LeCompte

Matthew Malcolm Leonard
Henore' Joseph Letourneau
Donna Marie Libbey
Travis Michael Magoon
Lindsey Lee Mason
Tad A. Mastroianni
Jonathan Maxfield McCormick
Danielle Lee Miles
Steven M. Miner
Joanna C. Murphy
Tyler Robert Omand
Sarah Lynn Patrick
Bethanie Patriquin
John William Phelan
Timothy Ryan Pike
Ashley Quigley
Ian Augustus Reed
Meaghan Diane Rice
Kaylan Elizabeth Rogers
Cara L. Scala
Isaiah Daniel Smith
Alecia Joy Stiles
Carrie Leanne Tasker
Ashlee L. Watson
John R. Wentworth, IV
Kaitlin Elizabeth Witcher
Andrew Wierszchalek
Danielle Renee Wilbur
Linsay Rachel Wilder
Aaron M. Williams
Tara Mae Wojtysiak

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998**

Date of Birth	Child's Name	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
01/18/98	Katherine Mary Hyland	Dover	Terrence Hyland	Marie Hyland
01/21/98	Matthew John Saunders	Rochester	Samuel Saunders	Lisa Saunders
02/06/98	Lindsay Rae Bliven	Rochester	Ivan Bliven	Kara Bliven
03/06/98	Angela Mackenzie Ross	Rochester	David Ross	Norma Ross
03/21/89	Abigail Elaine Chamberlain	Rochester	Brian Chamberlain	Maria Chamberlain
04/14/98	Tyler William Schroeder	Concord	Scott Schroeder	Jodi Schroeder
04/16/98	Hannah Jane Woodward	Concord	Steven Woodward	Jane Woodward
04/26/98	Matthew Alan Divirgilio	Rochester	Alan Divirgilio	Tina Divirgilio
05/05/98	Jason Roy Cleveland	Concord	William Cleveland	Heidi Cleveland
05/16/98	Alyssa Patrice Bengier	Rochester	David Bengier	Jill Fogg-Bengier
05/20/98	Dominique Marie LaPanne	Dover	Douglas LaPanne	Dawn LaPanne
05/21/98	Emily Damali Rouse Baker	Dover	Terrance Baker	Dawn Rouse-Baker
05/24/98	Jacob Ryan Conway	Dover	Paul Conway	Diane Conway
06/03/98	Jessica Theresa Miles	Portsmouth	Edward Miles	Maria Miles
07/09/98	Christopher Louis Garcia	Dover	Robert Garcia	Regina Garcia
08/20/98	Nicole Michaela Hodgdon	Portsmouth	Michael Hodgdon	Jennifer Hodgdon
10/01/98	Kayla Doris Whitcher	Dover	Michael Whitcher	Marcy Whitcher
10/05/98	Jonathan Hilton Hayes	Rochester	Douglas Hayes	Candy Hayes
10/05/98	Brenda Jean Hayes	Rochester	Douglas Hayes	Candy Hayes
11/23/98	William Haven White	Portsmouth	William White	Donna White
11/24/98	Alexis Rose Ramsey	Rochester	Jason Ramsey	Laury Ramsey
11/25/98	Carter Wayne Greig	Portsmouth	Wayne Greig	Joanne Greig

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998**

Date	Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence
01/02/98	Gregory Richard Donovan	Strafford	Ethel Janet Lapierre	Strafford
01/24/98	Ernest Bennett Brown	Strafford	Veronica McDonough Fogarty	Strafford
02/21/98	Robert Joseph White	Exeter	Joan Brackett Cranton	Strafford
02/21/98	Peter Richard Ward	Strafford	Sarah May Mooers	Strafford
04/04/98	Paul Anthony Hosue	Portsmouth	Jennifer Lynn Wright	Strafford
05/07/98	Larry A. Potvin	Strafford	Margaret M. Dow	Strafford
05/24/98	Joseph William Little	Strafford	Elizabeth Ann Keane	Strafford
05/30/98	Keith Alan Richards	Strafford	Cara Marie Indelicato	Strafford
06/06/98	Mark Peter Humphreys	Jackson, MI	Heather Ann Williams	Strafford
06/20/98	Mark Donald Jager	Berkley, MI	Laura Jean Phillips	Strafford
06/27/98	Shawn Alan Hodgdon	Strafford	Gina Maria Caforo	Strafford
06/27/98	Paul B. Davis	Strafford	Linda Jean Accardi	Nashua
07/03/98	Danny Linden Kuntz	Strafford	Carole Lynn Burnell	Strafford
07/04/98	Tristan Hjalmar Anderson	Strafford	Tamara Renea Powell	Strafford
07/04/98	Eugene Conard Karlik Jr.	Strafford	Mary Janetta Manson	Strafford
08/01/98	Todd Anthony Jones	Strafford	Margaret Jane Jost	Strafford
08/08/98	Eric L. Marshall	Northwood	Maura C. Barry	Strafford
08/08/98	Wesley James Wilson	Strafford	Megan Lynn Denardo	Strafford
08/15/98	Edward Michael O'Connor	Strafford	Jennifer Ann Hutchins	Strafford
08/15/98	Robert Tarbox	Strafford	Cassandra Eugenia McElheny	Strafford
09/12/98	Kenneth M. Colpritt	Strafford	Linda M. Duval	Strafford
09/16/98	Edward J. Hayes	Strafford	Gloria W. Clark	Strafford
09/19/98	Andrew R. Knight	Rochester	Cynthia J. Prato	Strafford
10/10/98	Edward Albert Loomis	Dover	Yvonne Rae Berry	Strafford
10/31/98	Steven Mark Colby	Strafford	Wendi Lee Castor	Strafford
12/20/98	Robert Lloyd Chadbourne Jr.	Strafford	Sally Knowlton	Strafford

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998**

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Name of Father	Maternal Name of Mother
01/15/98	Armando Almanzan	Rochester	Unknown Unknown	Francisca Cruz
02/18/98	Ralph M. Twombly	Manchester	Gardner Twombly	Merle Garrish
03/24/98	Irving B. Bickford	Exeter	Benjamin Bickford	Eva Young
05/01/98	Charles E. Hersey	Stratford	Forrest Hersey	Mary Hurd
05/05/98	James M. Bergeron	Stratford	Joseph Bergeron	Rita Dion
05/13/98	Virginia R. Gustafson	Rochester	Timothy McManus	Ellen McNeeley
05/14/98	Ronald F. Vadala	Rochester	Anthony Vadala	Flora Berlings
06/26/98	Inez Whitther	Dover	John Waldron	Olive McDonald
07/18/98	Ralph Deveney	Rochester	Frank Deveney	Margaret Hampton
08/04/98	Robert D. McGrath	Manchester	Daniel McGrath	Mary McConvey
10/07/98	James E. Bell	Rochester	William Bell	Clara Forrelo

